

# Lady Liberty Academy Charter School

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FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
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# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

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November 7, 2016

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#### Dear Commissioner:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Lady Liberty Academy 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 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: introductory, financial, statistical and single audit. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter, the Charter School's organizational Chart, a roster of officials and a list of consultants and advisors. The financial section includes the Independent Auditors' Report, 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 supplementary schedules providing detailed budgetary information. The statistical section includes selected financial trends and the fiscal capacity of the Charter School, generally presented on a multi-year basis. The Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the *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 New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid. Information related to this single audit, including the auditor's report on internal control and compliance with applicable laws and regulations and findings and recommendations are included in the single audit section of this report.

Information related to this single audit, including the auditors' reports 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.

# 1) Reporting Entity and Its Services

Lady Liberty Academy Charter School is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in codification section 2100. All funds of the Charter School are included in this report. Lady Liberty Academy Charter School constitutes the Charter School's reporting entity.

Lady Liberty Academy is a ten month/190 day school and our school day is 8am – 4pm. Our students are dismissed at 3pm on Tuesdays and our teachers participate in 1 hour of Professional Development. We have an average of 18 students per classroom in grades K-3 and we average 27 students per class in grades 4-8. Lady Liberty provides a comprehensive education program in order to meet the needs of all learners. In order to serve students with IEPs, Lady Liberty provides inclusion special education support in grades K-8, as well as a self-contained special education classroom serving students in grades 5-8. An I&RS team is in place to manage the referral process and provide intervention to students who do not have IEPs, but who are struggling to meet grade level goals.

Lady Liberty Academy teachers provide support to all levels of learners each day through our three-tiered instructional model. Tier one provides all learners with grade level instruction, while tier two provides guided practice targeted to the current skill level of the students. Tier three then provides a specific intervention in small groups of no more than three students to students who continue to struggle with the given topic.

In addition to the daily differentiated instruction and support in the classroom, Lady Liberty provides Saturday academy to students below grade level and small group tutoring to students approaching grade level during the school day.

In addition to support for our struggling learners, Lady Liberty has begun piloting advanced and enrichment programs for our top performing students, in order to address their needs and increase the academic capacity of our student body. Programs that we have initiated in the prior years (and continued in the current year) include advanced pre-algebra and algebra classes, an enrichment book study group and the implementation of the National Junior Honor Society in our Middle School.

# 2) Enrollment Outlook

The Charter School's charter authorized a maximum enrollment of 468 students in 2015-2016 in grades K-8. The enrollment at the beginning of the school year was 454 students. The enrollment at the end of the school year was 438 students. There are three classes in each grades K, 1, 2, 3 and 4. There are two classes in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8.

#### 3) Major Initiatives

The staff of LLACS will continue to be provided with professional development that provides long-term support to improve their practice, identify problems with teaching and learning, analyze student performance and integrate theory into practice, while using data to drive the instruction. We will provide follow up, enhancement, and extension to the existing PD that was introduced to ensure teacher and administrator efficiency that results in a significant academic growth. Teachers will consistently remain involved in collaborative planning for grade levels and subjects. The school will continue to develop its curricular goals that are aligned to the New Jersey Common Core Curriculum standards. Teachers will develop the mastery objectives for English Language Arts and Mathematics to gain a thorough understanding of the standards. Onsite professional development activities will be evaluated at the onset, during and upon completion of activities.

The following are specific innovations that were introduced in the prior year and continued in the current school year:

#### On line Lesson Planning

Teachers received extensive training in creating Lesson plans on line that reflect the Charter School's philosophy for the understanding and implementation of learning objectives, anticipatory set, teacher model, guided practice, independent work, checking for understanding, and the assessment of lessons. All lesson plans were electronically posted on the On Course website where the administrative team critiqued them on a bi-weekly basis.

#### **Common Planning**

Weekly collaborative meetings were scheduled for grades K-4 and content level meetings were held for grades 5-8 to provide opportunities to exchange ideas and plan units of study. Teachers worked collaboratively in analyzing student work across all content areas. Curriculum maps and instructional frameworks were discussed and revised in these meetings.

#### **Trainers**

Trainers provided support for transforming teachers' practice, defining problems in teaching and learning, analyzing student performance and integrating theory into practice. Teachers were coached to provide rigorous, standards-based lessons and give motivational feedback to unmotivated students in order to engage them on a greater level.

#### 3) **Major Initiatives** (Cont'd)

#### **Study Groups**

Study groups and inquiry teams were formed to investigate, reflect and dialogue about collective thinking for professional growth. Professional development needs were gleaned from these groups to plan for the upcoming school year.

#### **Co-Teaching**

All middle school teachers received extensive training in the co-teaching model, which was implemented in the upper grades (5-8). Co-Teachers met with administration to address any concerns or difficulties in order to provide high-level, standards-based, rigorous instruction to all students.

## **Language Arts Curriculum**

The leadership team set clear guidelines for the implementation of a new philosophy for teaching reading, writing, and vocabulary skills. All teachers received a full two weeks of professional development to learn the components of Balanced Literacy. The workshop model was introduced so that teachers could differentiate and tier their instruction to meet the diverse needs of learners. The professional development to provide follow up support for a comprehensive Balanced Literacy program continued throughout the school year. A guided level book room was outfitted in the school to allow teachers to enhance their Balanced Literacy program to include small group guided reading instruction.

#### **Math Curriculum**

The school implemented the workshop model as an approach to math instruction. During the summer teachers received professional development on identifying mastery objectives for each grade level.

Standards-based activities that foster critical thinking in mathematics was used in all instruction and curriculum maps were developed throughout the year for each grade.

Teachers were also engaged in reflective practice and peer review through the analysis of our benchmark assessments. They were led into discussions that highlighted strengths of lessons and suggested ideas for improving aspects of the lessons that did not go well based on the data and formulated re-teaching strategies. The emphasis was placed on creating a professional learning community in which teachers shared and learned from each other, while reflecting on their own practices with a critical lens for improvement.

#### 3) Major Initiatives (Cont'd)

Data on student performance was used to drive professional development for math teachers. Teachers will continue to participate in data meetings to understand and disaggregate data in multiple ways to identify trends; areas for re-teaching; individual students' areas of challenges; whole class challenges; item analyses; and error analyses. Information gleaned from these exercises will be used to create action plans and intervention strategies.

#### **Social Studies Curriculum**

As part of the emphasis for infusing literacy across the content areas, the social classes received instructional materials for teaching multiple genres used for shared reading and read-aloud experiences. Thematic units will continue to be created by the social studies team that aligns with the recently updated NJCCCS in Social Studies.

#### **Science and Technology Curriculum**

This year the LLACS science curriculum was expanded to include a curriculum map and pacing guide that is more effective and comprehensive. The revised curriculum map and pacing guide is in direct alignment with the NJCCCS. A Technology Plan was created the previous year and more resources were needed here as well to fully equip the building with internet and technology labs. We are now currently equipped with internet and technology in all science labs. We also piloted the iPad initiative in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, where each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student was given an iPad to use in their classes throughout the school day. This allowed students to use engaging, updated technology for research, reading, and projects.

#### **School-wide Performances**

School-wide events included: The Winter Arts Festival, The PTO sponsored fashion show, Movie nights, The African-American History Celebration, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Jam, Fun Day and the Spring Arts Festival. All of these events were highly-attended and helped us to continuously share special moments with our parent population.

# 3) Major Initiatives (Cont'd)

## Public Relations/Engagement and Partnerships

Lady Liberty Academy has continued to build relationships with local groups and community organizations that work throughout the year to support our school community. Some examples are:

- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society partnered with our school to run the Pennies for Patients program, where our school raised a modest amount for the cause.
- NJPAC partnered with our school to run an in-house ballroom dancing program for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- NewarkWORKS/Youth One Stop Career Center partnered with our school to help provide summer work experiences for students.
- CAP (Child Assault Prevention) Program partnered with our school to provide child assault prevention workshops for our K-4 population.
- UMDNJ (University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey) provided free dental screenings and follow up services to LLACS students.
- Healthy Smile Program performed dental screenings for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade population for early detection and prevention of gum disease.
- The Department of Child and Family Well-being assisted LLACS families that were in need of quality free or low-cost health coverage.
- Weight Watchers partnered with us to create the Weight Watchers at Work program this year, where staff members participated in a health and wellness program.

## 4) Internal Accounting Controls

Management of the Charter School is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control system designed to ensure that the assets of the Charter School are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data is compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The internal control system 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 awards, the Charter School also is responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control system is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. This internal control system is also subject to periodic evaluation by the Charter 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 system, including that portion related to major federal and state award programs, as well as to determine that the Charter School has complied with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

#### 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 and Special Revenue Funds.

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 reappropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be re-appropriated are reported as restrictions, commitments and/or assignments of fund balance at June 30, 2016.

#### 6) Accounting System and Reports

The Charter School's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the GASB. The accounting system of the Charter School is organized on the basis of funds. These funds are explained in "Notes to the Basic Financial Statements", Note 1.

#### 7) Financial Statement Information

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 schedule presents a summary of the General Fund, and Special Revenue Funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 fiscal year:

# Summary of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Revenues

			Increase/						
Revenue	2016			2015		lecrease)	% Change		
Local sources	\$	1,229,544	\$	918,731	\$	310,813	33.83%		
State sources		6,696,147		6,154,467		541,680	8.80%		
Federal sources		438,764		494,354		(55,590)	-11.24%		
	\$	8,364,455	\$	7,567,552	\$	796,903	10.53%		

The Charter School experienced an increase in revenue of about 10.5%. This was partly due to a deferred revenue that was carried in the books for several years but realized as revenue in 2016. Also, enrollment increased by about 8% from last year.

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

# Summary of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Expenditures

			Increase/						
Expenditures	2016			2015	(0	decrease)	% Change		
Instruction	\$	3,050,845	\$	3,327,564	\$	(276,719)	-8.32%		
Administrative		3,301,743		2,994,093		307,650	10.28%		
Support		2,381,516		2,213,877		167,639	7.57%		
Capital outlay		207,175		88,332		118,843	0.00%		
	\$	8,941,279	\$	8,623,866	\$	317,413	3.68%		

The Charter School's expenditures increased by about 3.68% over last year's partly because enrollment increased by about 8% from last year.

#### 8) Cash Management

The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Basic Financial Statements", Note 3. The School has adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit public 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 governmental unites from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental unites to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

# 9) Risk Management

The school carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, automobile liability and comprehensive/collision, and hazard and theft insurance on property and contents. A schedule of insurance coverage is found on Exhibit J-20.

#### 10) Other Information

Independent Audit – State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Olugbenga Olabintan, Certified Public Accountants/Consultants, was selected by the Board of Trustees

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 (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08 "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid". The auditors' report on the basic financial statements and specific required supplementary information is included in the financial section of this report. The auditors' reports related specifically to the single audit and Government Auditing Standards are included in the single audit section of this report.

#### 11) Acknowledgements

We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Board of Trustees of the Lady Liberty Academy Charter School for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and participating districts 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 the financial and accounting staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashaki E. Goodall

Ashaki E. Goodall Executive Director

## **Roster of Trustees and Officers**

# June 30, 2016

# **Members of Board of Trustees**

Monique Mitchell, Board President

Dr. Sandy Lizaire Duff, Vice President

K. Anthony Thomas, Board Member

Joshlyn Adams, Board Member

Faheem Ellis, Board Member

David Eisenberg, Board Member

Jessica Henderson, Board Member

# **Administration**

Ms. Ashaki E. Goodall, Executive Director

Dr. James Catalano, Principal

Jason Jones, MBA, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

Christopher Lessard, Treasurer of School Monies

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#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Lady Liberty Academy Charter School County of Essex Newark, New Jersey

#### **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 Board of Trustees Lady Liberty Academy Charter School, (the "Charter School") in the County of Essex, 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

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.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School 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.

#### **Opinion**

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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Charter School as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the fiscal 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 and Budgetary Comparison Information, and Pension Information* as listed in the table of contents 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 the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### 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, which consists of the introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, financial schedules and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not are required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the *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 provisions of New Jersey Department of the Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*, respectively, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statement, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and schedule of state financial assistance are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used 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 information is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section, financial schedules 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 them.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 7, 2016 on our consideration of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA

November 7, 2016 Newark, New Jersey

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# **Required Supplementary Information**

## Part I

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an analysis of the Charter School's overall financial position and results of operations.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

#### Introduction

This section of the Lady Liberty Academy Charter School's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Charter School's financial performance and provides an overview of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. It should be read in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Charter School's financial statements, which follow this section.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statement – and Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Governments. Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

## **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2016 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities ended the fiscal year with \$517,676. Net position of business-type activities, which represent food service and before/after school operations ended the fiscal year with \$-0-.
- General revenues accounted for \$7,854,389 in revenue or 91 percent of total revenues of \$8,619,729. Program specific revenues, in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for \$765,340 or 9 percent of total revenues.
- The Charter School had \$9,215,460 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$510,066 of these expenses is offset by operating grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily State aid) of \$7,807,815 helped to provide for the balance of these programs.
- The General Fund reported fund surplus at June 30, 2016, of \$1,588,570.

Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

#### **Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of basic financial statements, required supplementary information, other supplementary information and notes to those statements and information.

The report is organized so the reader can understand the Lady Liberty Academy Charter School as a financial whole, or as an entire operating entity. The first two basic financial Statements, the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, are governmental-wide financial statements and provide overall information about the activities of the entire Charter School, presenting both an aggregate view of the Charter School's finances and a long-term view of those finances. The remaining basic financial statements are fund financial statements that focus on the individual parts of the government, reporting the Charter School's operation in more detail than the government-wide statements. The fund financial statements also look at the Charter School's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in a single column. For the Lady Liberty Academy Charter School, the General Fund is the most significant fund.

The governmental funds statements tell how general government services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

Proprietary fund statements offer short and long-term financial information about the activities, the government operates like a business, such as food service.

Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationship in which the Charter School acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefits of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of Required Supplementary Information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

# Reporting the Charter School as a Whole

#### **Statement of Net Position and Statements of Activities**

While this report contains the fund 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 asks the question, "how did we do financially during fiscal year 2016?" The statements of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These Statements include all the Charter School's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting system used by most private sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash was received or paid.

Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

#### Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities-continued

These two statements report the Charter School's net position and changes in those assets. This change in net position is important because it identifies whether the financial position of the Charter School has improved or diminished for the Charter School as a whole. The cause of this change may be the result of many factors some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the property tax base of the School District where the Charter School is located, current educational funding laws in New Jersey, facilities conditions, required educational programs, and other factors. In the Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities, the Charter School is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

**Governmental Activities** – Most of the Charter School's programs and services are reported here including instructions, extracurricular activities, curriculum, staff development, special education and other support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, health services and general administration.

**Business-Type Activity** – Services are provided on a charge for goods or services or reimbursement basis to recover the expenses of the goods or services provided. The food service operations/after care programs 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 major funds-not the Charter School as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Charter School uses to keep track of a multitude of financial transactions. The Charter School's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

#### **Governmental Funds**

Most of the Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year-end for spending in future periods. 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 statement provides a detailed short-term view of the Charter School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less 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 the governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements.

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# **Enterprise Fund**

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

#### The Charter School as a Whole

The perspective of the Statement of Net Position is of the Charter School as a whole. Net position may serve over time as useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Charter School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$516,676 at the close of 2016. The following table provides a summary of net position relating to the Charter School's governmental and business type activities:

	Business											
	Governmental					T	ype					
		Acti	vitie	es		Acv	tivit	ies	Total			
		2016		2015		2016		2015		2016		2015
Assets												
Current assets	\$	1,909,562	\$	2,562,956	\$	33,608	\$	105,282	\$	1,943,170	\$	2,668,238
Capital assets, net		1,061,355		1,119,518		-		-		1,061,355		1,119,518
Deferred outflows of resources		814,998		293,028		-				814,998		293,028
Total assets		3,785,915		3,975,502		33,608		105,282		3,819,523		4,080,784
Liabilities												
Current liabilities		320,992		397,562		33,608		105,282		354,600		502,844
Long term liabilities		2,900,611		2,041,050		-		-		2,900,611		2,041,050
Deferred inflows of resources		46,636		121,635						46,636		121,635
Total liabilities		3,268,239		2,560,247		33,608		105,282		3,301,847		2,665,529
Net position:												
Invested in												
Capital assets		1,061,355		1,119,518		-		-		1,061,355		1,119,518
Designated for acquisition of		-		-		-		-		-		-
new facilities		-		-		-		-		-		-
Unrestricted		(543,679)		295,737		-		-		(543,679)		295,737
Total net position	\$	517,676	\$	1,415,255	\$	-	\$	-	\$	517,676	\$	1,415,255

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The largest portion of the Charter School's net position is its current assets. The Charter School uses these current assets to provide services.

The total net position of the Charter School decreased by \$897,579 during the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. All of the increases is attributable to a decrease in the net position in governmental activities. Operating grants and contributions increased by about 2.7 percent largely to a deferred revenue of about \$100,000 that had been carried in the books for several year and recognized as revenue in 2016.

The table that follows reflects the change in net position for fiscal year 2016.

	Governmental Activities				Business Type Activities				To	tal	
		2016		2015		2016		2015	2016		2015
Revenues											
Program revenues:											
Charge for services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
Operating grants		-		-		-		-	-		-
and contributions		510,066		494,354		255,274		251,033	765,340		745,387
Total program revenues		510,066		494,354		255,274		251,033	765,340		745,387
General revenues:											
Local aid		983,230		890,755		-		-	983,230		890,755
Federal and state aid		6,696,147		6,154,467		_		_	6,696,147		6,154,467
Miscellaneous		175,012		27,976		-		-	175,012		27,976
Transfers		(46,574)		(33,592)		46,574		33,592	-		-
Total general revenues		7,807,815		7,039,606		46,574		33,592	7,854,389		7,073,198
Total revenues		8,317,881		7,533,960		301,848		284,625	8,619,729		7,818,585
Expenses:											
Instructions		3,050,845		3,327,564		_		-	3,050,845		3,327,564
Administrative &		-		-		-		-	-		-
support services		5,899,276		5,002,985		-		-	5,899,276		5,002,985
Unallocated depreciation		265,339		223,904		-		-	265,339		223,904
Food service		-		-		301,848		283,425	301,848		283,425
Before and after school program		-				-		1,200	-		1,200
Total expenses		9,215,460		8,554,453		301,848		284,625	9,517,308		8,839,078
Change in net position	\$	(897,579)	\$	(1,020,493)	\$	-	\$	-	\$ (897,579)	\$	(1,020,493)

#### **Governmental Activities**

The Statement of Activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services and operating grants and contributions offsetting those services. The table below, for government activities, indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services. It identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted state entitlements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

#### **Governmental Activities** - continued

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$ 3,050,845	\$ 2,837,891
Administrative & Support Services	5,899,276	5,738,089
Unallocated Depreciation	265,339	129,414
Total Expenses	\$ 9,215,460	\$ 8,705,394

#### **Business-Type Activity**

The business-type activity of the Charter School consists of the food service operations. These programs had revenues of \$301,848 (\$46,574 of which was Board Contributions) and operating expenses of \$301,848 for fiscal year 2016. The Charter School intended to have food services programs become self-operating without assistance from the General Fund. However, the General Fund helped fund an operating deficit of \$46,574 in the food service program.

#### The Charter School's Funds

The Charter School's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had revenues of \$8,364,455 and expenditures of \$8,941,279. The Charter School had a current year deficit of \$576,824. However, the cumulative positive fund balance of \$2,165,394 from the prior years enabled the Charter School to meet its current costs.

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.

During the course of fiscal 2016, the Charter School amended its General Fund budget as needed. The Charter School uses state-aid and other revenue-based budget. The budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total budget, but provide flexibility for Charter School's management teams.

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The State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$197,071 during the year ended June 30, 2016 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members. The State also paid \$476,884 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the TPAF Pension System Contributions and TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions for the Charter School. The unbudgeted amounts were included in both revenues and expenditures.

#### **Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2016, the Charter School had \$1,061,355 balance invested in capital assets in its governmental activities.

The Charter School's 2016-2017 budget anticipates spending about \$-0- on capital projects.

#### Long-term debt

The Charter School had \$2,900,611 and \$2,041,050 at June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, in net pension liability regarding the Public Employees Retirement System. More detailed information about the Charter School's long term obligations is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The State of New Jersey and indeed the entire United States continue to face serious budgetary constraints and a result of the sharp downturn in the economy. These impact the amount of state and federal aids allocated to charter schools. This reality was taken into account when adopting the general fund budget for 2016-2017. Nothing was done to compromise the quality of the programs in place in our Charter School during the regular instructional day. The budget was prepared to ensure that all students have the textbooks, materials, supplies, equipment and programs they need to meet New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards. The budget was adopted with a redirection of funds to maintain the quality of the regular school day.

#### **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 reflect the Charter School's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions about this report or additional financial information needs should be directed to:

LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Business Office
746 Sandford Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07106

**Basic Financial Statements** 

# **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide a financial overview of the Charter School's operations. These financial statements present the financial position and operating results of all governmental activities and business-type activities as of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2016.

#### **Statement of Net Position**

## June 30, 2016

	Governmental Activities	Total	
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,469,533	\$ 16,389	\$ 1,485,922
Accounts receivable	273,754	17,219	290,973
Deposit for the acquisition of new facilities	-	-	-
Security deposits	132,667	-	132,667
Interfund receivables	33,608	-	33,608
Capital assets (net of accum deprec of \$489,242)	1,061,355	-	1,061,355
Total assets	2,970,917	33,608	3,004,525
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pension deferred outflows	814,998	-	814,998
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,785,915	\$ 33,608	\$ 3,819,523
Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$ 163,587	\$ -	\$ 163,587
Intergovermental payables - state	89,978	-	89,978
Interfunds payables	-	33,608	33,608
Deferred revenue	67,427	-	67,427
Net pension liability	2,900,611		2,900,611
Total liabilities	3,221,603	33,608	3,255,211
Deferred inflows of resources			
Pension deferred inflows	46,636		46,636
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	3,268,239	33,608	3,301,847
Net position			
Invested in capital assets	1,061,355	-	1,061,355
Designated for acquisition of new facilities	, , , <u>-</u>	-	- · · · -
Unrestricted, undesignated	(543,679)	-	(543,679)
Total net position	517,676		517,676
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources & net position	\$ 3,785,915	\$ 33,608	\$ 3,819,523
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See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

#### **Statement of Activities**

# Year ended June 30, 2016

		Prograi	n Revenues	Net (Expense Changes in		
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities: Instruction:						
Regular	\$ 3,050,845	\$ -	\$ 212,954	\$ (2,837,891)	\$ -	\$ (2,837,891)
Administrative & Support services:	\$ 3,030,843	ъ -	\$ 212,934	\$ (2,837,891)	ъ -	\$ (2,837,891)
General administration	3,564,334	-	-	(3,564,334)	-	(3,564,334)
Support services	2,334,942	_	161,187	(2,173,755)	-	(2,173,755)
Capital outlay	2,334,742	_	135,925	135,925	_	(2,173,733)
Unallocated depreciation	265,339	_	155,725	(265,339)	_	(265,339)
Total governmental activities	9,215,460	_	510,066	(8,705,394)		(8,841,319)
Business-type activities:						_
Food service	301,848	_	255,274	-	(46,574)	(46,574)
Before and after school program	- -	-	- -	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	301,848		255,274	-	(46,574)	(46,574)
Total primary government	\$ 9,517,308	\$ -	\$ 765,340	(8,705,394)	(46,574)	(8,887,893)
	General reven	ues and transfe	rs:			
	Local sources	;		983,230	-	983,230
	Federal and st	tate sources		6,696,147	-	6,696,147
	Miscellaneou	S		175,012	-	175,012
	Transfers			(46,574)	46,574	
	Total gen	ieral revenues an	d transfers	7,807,815	46,574	7,854,389
	Chang	ge in net position	l	(897,579)	-	(1,033,504)
	Net position - b			1,415,255		1,415,255
	Net position - e	nding		\$ 517,676	\$ -	\$ 381,751

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**Funds Financial Statements** 

**Governmental Funds** 

# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Governmental Funds

#### **Balance Sheet**

#### June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Go	Totals vernmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 977,740	\$ 491,793	\$	1,469,533
Accounts receivable:	-	-		-
State	242,617	-		242,617
Federal	-	31,137		31,137
Security deposits	132,667	-		132,667
Deposits for acquisition of new facilities	-	-		-
Interfund receivable	 489,111			489,111
Total assets	\$ 1,842,135	\$ 522,930	\$	2,365,065
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Interfund accounts payables	\$ -	\$ 455,503	\$	455,503
Accounts payable	163,587	-		163,587
Intergovernmental payables - federal	-	-		-
Intergovernmental payables - state	89,978	-		89,978
Deferred revenue	 -	67,427		67,427
Total liabilities	 253,565	 522,930		776,495
Fund balances:				
Designated for acquisition of new facilities	-	_		-
Unreserved, undesignated	1,588,570	-		1,588,570
Total fund balances	 1,588,570	 -		1,588,570
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,842,135	\$ 522,930		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the	-			
statement of net position (A-1) are different because:				
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not				
financial resources and therefore are not reported in				
the funds.				
Cost of capital assets	1,550,597			
Accumulated depreciation	 (489,242)			
	 1,061,355			1,061,355
Deferred Outflows related to pension contributions subsequent				
to the Net Pension Liablity measurement date and other deferred				
items are not current financial resources and therefore are not				
reported in the fund statements. (See Note 7)				814,998
Deferred Inflows related to pension actuarial gains from experience				
and differences in actual return and assumed returns and other				
deferred items are not reported as liabilities in the fund statements.				
(See Note 7)				(46,636)
(500 11010 1)				(+0,030)
Long-term liabilities, including Net Pension Liability, are not due				
and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as				
liabilties in the funds (see Note 7)				(2,900,611)
Net position of governmental activities - A-1			\$	517,676

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

### LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Governmental Funds

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year ended June 30, 2016

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Revenues:			
Local sources:			
Local tax levy	\$ 983,230	\$ -	\$ 983,230
Miscellaneous	175,012	71,302	246,314
Total revenues - local sources	1,158,242	71,302	1,229,544
Federal sources	-	438,764	438,764
State sources	6,022,192	-	6,022,192
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted) TPAF pension and post retirement medical	197,071	-	197,071
benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	476,884		476,884
Total revenues	7,854,389	510,066	8,364,455
Current expense:			
Instruction	2,837,891	212,954	3,050,845
Administrative	2,627,788	-	2,627,788
Support services	2,173,755	161,187	2,334,942
Capital outlay	71,250	135,925	207,175
Reimbursed and on-behalf payments:	-	-	-
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	197,071	-	197,071
TPAF pension and post retirement medical	-	-	-
benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	476,884		476,884
Total expenditures	8,384,639	510,066	8,894,705
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over (under) expenditures	(530,250)	-	(530,250)
Other financing sources:			
Transfer to cover food deficit	(46,574)		(46,574)
Change in fund balances	(576,824)	-	(576,824)
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,165,394	-	2,165,394
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,588,570	\$ -	\$ 1,588,570

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#### LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

# Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year ended June 30, 2016

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

\$ (576,824)

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expenses in the period. Additionally, in the Statement of Activities gains or (losses) are recognized upon disposition.

Depreciation expense \$ (265,339) Capital outlays 207,175

(58, 164)

Pension contributions are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the contributions are adjusted for actuarial valuation adjustments, including service and interest costs, administravtive costs, investment returns, and experience/assumption. This is the amount by which net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows related to pension changed during the period

(262,591)

#### Change in net position of governmental activities (A-2)

\$ (897,579)

**Proprietary Funds** 

#### **B-4**

# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Proprietary Funds

#### **Statement of Net Position**

#### June 30, 2016

Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,389
Accounts receivable:	-
Federal	16,997
State	222
Other	-
Interfund receivable	-
Total current assets	\$ 33,608
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Interfund payable - general fund	\$ 33,608
Accounts payable	 
Total current liabilities	\$ 33,608
Net position	
Unresricted	_
Total net position	\$ 

# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Proprietary Funds

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets

#### Year ended June 30, 2016

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services:	
Daily sales - nonreimbursable programs	\$ -
Miscellaneous revenue	
Total Operating revenues	
Operating expenses:	
Cost of sales	206,804
Salaries	80,909
Employee benefits	-
Other purchased services	4,865
Supplies and materials	9,269
Depreciation	-
Miscellaneous	1_
Total operating expenses	301,848
Operating income/(loss)	(301,848)
Nonoperating revenues:	
State sources:	
State school lunch program	3,297
Federal sources:	· -
National school lunch program	181,667
National school breakfast program	70,310
Total nonoperating revenues	255,274
Net income/(loss) before contributions & transfers	(46,574)
Other financing sources:	
Transfer in/(out) - board contribution	46,574
	46,574
Change in net position	-
Total net position-beginning of year	<del>-</del>
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Total net position-end of year	\$ -

# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Proprietary Fund

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#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

#### Year ended June 30, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities	
Operating loss	\$ (301,848)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash	
used in operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	3,245
Due from general fund	-
Due to general fund	(71,674)
Accounts payable	-
Net cash used in operating activities	(370,277)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Cash received from state reimbursements	3,297
Cash received from federal reimbursements	251,977
Operating subsidies and transfers from other funds	46,574
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	301,848
Cash flows from investing activities	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(68,429)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	84,818
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ 16,389

**Fiduciary Funds** 

# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Fiduciary Funds

#### **Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

#### June 30, 2016

	nployment pensation	•		Agency Fund Payroll		Total	
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 30,460	\$	452	\$	12,555	\$	43,467
Total assets	\$ 30,460	\$	452	\$	12,555	\$	43,467
Liabilities							
Payroll deductions and withholdings	\$ -	\$	-	\$	12,555	\$	12,555
Interfund payables	-		-		-		-
Due to students group	-		452		-		452
Total liabilities	-	\$	452	\$	12,555		13,007
Net position	30,460						30,460
Total liabilities and net position	\$ 30,460					\$	43,467

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# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Fiduciary Funds

#### **Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

#### Year ended June 30, 2016

	Unemployment Compensation	
	Compensat	
Revenues:		
General fund appropriation	\$	73,295
Total revenues		73,295
Expenditures: Payments to NJ Unemployment Compensation Fund		73,283
Total expenditures	(	73,283
Total experientures	-	13,203
Excess(deficiency) of revenue over(under) expenditures		12
Net position, beginning		30,448
Net position, ending	\$	30,460

**Notes to Basic Financial Statements** 

(County of Essex)
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 1 Description of the Charter School District and Reporting Entity

Lady Liberty Academy Charter School (the "Charter School" was incorporated in the State of New Jersey in April 2000 as a non-for-profit corporation for the purpose of operating and maintaining a public school under a charter granted by the State of New Jersey, which promotes comprehensive educational reform by infusing innovation into the public education system. It is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an education institution. The Charter School's Board of Trustees (the Board) is responsible for the fiscal control of the Charter School. A Principal/Chief School Administrator is appointed by Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the Charter School. Under the existing the statutes, the Charter School's duties and powers include, but not limited to the development and adoption of a school program; the establishment, organization and operation of schools; and the acquisition, maintenance and disposition of school property.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the Charter School are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Charter School. For the Charter School, this includes general operations, food service and student related activities of the Charter School.

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, and ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds of the Charter School over which the Board exercises operating control. Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Charter School has no component units to be included in the reporting entity. Further, the Charter School is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

The Lady Liberty Academy Charter School Board of Trustees also has broad financial responsibilities, including the approval of the annual budget and the establishment of a system of accounting and budgetary controls.

Its mission is to establish a character school to serve as a neighborhood resource and as a model for other similar schools. The Lady Liberty Academy Charter School is committed to achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and producing high academic achievement by all students. The Charter School will integrate a holistic curriculum, utilize learner center techniques, family and care giver centered approaches, comprehensive community involvement, cutting edge technology and an intimate nurturing environment that will enhance positive self-images.

(County of Essex)
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

This summary of significant accounting policies of Lady Liberty Academy Charter School is presented to assist in understanding the Charter School's financial statements and notes are a representation of the Charter School's management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as applied to governmental units and have been consistently applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the Lady Liberty Academy Charter School (the "Charter School") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The Charter School also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental and business-type activities and to its enterprise fund unless they conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The most significant of the Charter School's accounting policies are described below:

#### **A** Basis of Presentation

The Charter School's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements that provide a more detailed level of financial information.

#### **Charter School Government-wide Financial Statements**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the Charter School, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Charter School's governmental and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and 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 are presented as general revenues of the Charter School, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Charter School.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

The governmental activities generally are financed through federal and state awards, taxes and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements of the Charter School are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditure/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Charter School. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requires that all funds be reported as major, as it is considered important for public interest and to promote consistency among Charter Schools financial reporting in the State of New Jersey.

#### **B** Fund Accounting

The Charter School segregates transactions related to certain Charter School functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Charter School at a more detailed level.

#### **Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Charter Schools' major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Charter School. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are legally or administratively 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 sub-fund.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

As required by the New Jersey Department of Education, the Charter School included 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 and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of ground, 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.

**Special Revenue Fund** - 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 legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - 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. As of June 30, 2016 there was no Capital Projects Fund.

#### **Proprietary Funds**

The focus of Proprietary Funds' measurement is upon determination of net income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those to similar to business in the private sector. The following is a description of the Proprietary Funds of the Charter School:

Enterprise Funds - The Enterprise Fund is 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 cost (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods and services to the students on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the Charter School has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriated for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities, whether current or non-current, associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and unreserved retained earnings, if applicable. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenue) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

#### **Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary or trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Charter School in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. This fund category includes:

**Trust Funds** - Expendable Trust Funds (unemployment compensation) are accounted for in essentially the same manner as the governmental funds. The unemployment compensation trust fund is used to account for contributions from employees and the employer (the Charter School) and interest earned on the balance as well as payments to the State for reimbursements of unemployment claims.

**Agency Funds** – Agency funds (Payroll, Health Benefits and Student Activity Fund) are used to account for the assets that the Charter School holds on behalf of others as their agent. Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involved measurement of results of operations.

#### C Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

**Measurement focus** is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. **Basis of accounting** refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

#### **Measurement Focus**

On the government-wide statements of net position and the statement of activities, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statement of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources), and decreases (i.e. Expenditures and other finances uses) during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, the accounting adjectives are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flow. All assets and all liabilities, whether current or non-current, associated with their activities are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is classified as net position.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

In the government wide statement of net position and statements of activities, both governmental and business like activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability, resulting from exchange and exchange like transactions, is incurred (i. e the exchange takes place).

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund and agency funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determine and "available" means collectible with the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. State equalization monies are recognized as revenue during the period in which they are appropriated. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental funds revenues.

#### D Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general and special revenue fund. The budgets are submitted to the County Office and the Education Commissioner for approval. Budgets except for the special revenue fund which is prepared using a non-GAAP budgetary basis, are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by Charter School Board resolution at any time during the fiscal year subject to the limitation of P.L. 2004 c73 (S1701). The Board of Trustees did not make any material supplemental budgetary appropriations during the fiscal year.

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 the Special Revenue Fund as noted below.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental funds 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 recognized encumbrances as expenditures and also recognized the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow of the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

#### E Cash, Cash Equivalent and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investment with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchases and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. US Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchases are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

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

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

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. seq. established 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 Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan Institutions, bank (both state and national banks) and saving bank the deposits of which 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 deposit 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.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### **F** Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

On the fund financial statement, receivable and payables resulting from short-term (due within one year) interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables/payables. Interfund balances within governmental activities and within business-type activities are eliminated on the Government Wide Statements of Net Position.

#### **G** Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventories and prepaid expenses, which benefit future periods, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund are recorded as expenditure during the year of purchase. Inventories in the proprietary funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in-first-out (FIFO) method.

#### **H** Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture & fixtures and vehicles are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns of the Government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Charter School as assets with initial, individual cost of more than \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or through estimation procedures performed by an independent appraisal company.

The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets lives are not capitalized. Donated capital assets are capitalized at estimated fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by the straight-line method. Leasehold improvements are depreciated based on 15 years or the term of the lease whichever is shorter.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### I Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are those absences for which employees will be paid, such as vacation, sick leave, and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that are attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on specific event that is outside the control of the Charter School and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on specific event that is outside the control of the Charter School and its employees, are accounted for in the period in winch such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is in the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

The entire sick leave and vacation leave liabilities are reported on the school-wide financial statements.

The Charter School had no compensated absences as of June 30, 2016.

#### J Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, the non-current portion of compensated absences and mortgage payable (if any) that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable, available financial resources.

#### **K** Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue in special revenue fund represent cash that has been received but not yet earned.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### L Fund Balance and Equity

In February 2009, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions ("GASB 54"). GASB 54 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2010 and establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. Under GASB 54, fund balances in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting and classified into the following five categories, as defined below:

- 1. Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent because they either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Assets included in this fund balance category include prepaid assets, inventories, long-term receivables, and corpus of any permanent funds.
- 2. Restricted includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- 3. Committed includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority.
- 4. Assigned amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- 5. Unassigned includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Charter School's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. For the unrestricted fund balance, the Charter School first spends committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally, unassigned funds.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### M Net Position

Net Position represent the difference between assets and liabilities in the Government-wide financial statements. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position are reported as restricted in the Government-wide financial statements when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

#### N Management Estimates

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

#### O On-Behalf Payments

Revenues and expenditures of the General Fund include payment made by the state of New Jersey for Pension and social security contributions for certified teacher members of the New Jersey Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. The amounts are not required to be included in the Charter School's annual budget.

#### P New Accounting Standards

During the prior fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Charter School adopted the following GASB statements:

GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for pensions. It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for pensions that is provided by other entities. This Statement replaces the requirements of Statement No. 27, Accounting for Pensions by State and Local Governmental Employers, as well as the requirements of Statement No. 50, Pension Disclosures, as they relate to pensions that are provided through pension plans administered as trusts or equivalent arrangements that meet certain criteria.

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#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### P New Accounting Standards - continued

GASB 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date- an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68, should be applied simultaneously with the provisions of Statement No. 68. The objective of this Statement is to address an issue regarding application of the transition provisions of Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. The issue relates to amounts associated with contributions, if any, made by a state or local government employer or non-employer contributing entity to a defined benefit pension plan after the measurement date of the government's beginning net pension liability.

#### 3 Deposits and Investments

New Jersey statutes require that Charter Schools deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. Charter schools are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund (NJCMF), the New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund (NJARM) and the M.B.I.A Class.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows: The market value of the collateral must equal at least 5% of the average daily balance of collected funds on deposit.

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%. All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

The Charter School's cash and cash equivalents are classified below to inform financial statement users about the extent to which the Charter School's deposits and investments are exposed to custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2016, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits and investments are as follows:

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#### 3 Deposits and Investments - continued

	General	Special	Enterprise	Agency	
	Fund	Revenue	Funds	Funds	Total
Cash balances	\$ 977,740	\$ 491,793	\$ 16,389	\$ 43,467	\$ 1,529,389

Operating cash accounts are held in the Charter School's name by one banking institution. At June 30, 2016, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits was \$1,529,390 and the bank balance was \$1,925,831. Of the bank balance, up to a maximum of \$250,000 of the Charter School's cash deposits on June 30, 2016 were secured by federal deposit insurance and \$1,675,831 was covered by a collateral pool maintained by the bank as required by New Jersey statutes in accordance with the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA").

GASB Statement No. 40 requires that the Charter School disclose whether its deposits are exposed to custodial risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty, the Charter School would not be able to recover the value of its deposit or investment). In general deposits are considered to be exposed to custodial risk by three categories described below:

Category 1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Charter School or by its agent in the Charter School's name. Category 2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository's trust department or agent in the Charter School's name. Category 3 - Uncollateralized, including any deposits that are collateralized with

securities held by the pledging public depository, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Charter School's name.

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

#### **Investments**

New Jersey statutes permit the Charter School to purchase the following types of securities:

- 1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- 2. Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal national Mortgage Agency or of any United States Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than twelve months from the date of purchase.
- 3. Bonds or other obligations of the Charter School.
- 4. New Jersey Cash Management Fund, New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund and MBIA CLASS.

As of June 30, 2016, the Charter School did not hold any investments.

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#### 4 Capital Assets

The following schedule is a summarization of the governmental activities changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2016:

Governmental activities	Beginning Balance	 Net Additions E (Deletions) B:	
Capital assets, being depreciated: Leasehold improvements - Newark, NJ	\$ 1,343,422 1,343,422	\$ 207,175 207,175	\$1,550,597 1,550,597
Less accumulated depreciation	223,903	 265,339	489,242
Total capital assets net	\$ 1,119,519	\$ (58,164)	\$1,061,355

Depreciation expense of \$265,339 was charged to an unallocated function.

#### 5 Lease Obligations

#### **Facilities Lease**

The Charter School leases its permanent location at 746 Sandford Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. The Charter School is a sub-lessee under a partnership arrangement with Build With Purpose (BWP), (a nonprofit real estate development company). BWP secured financing through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority in the form of \$10,010,000 "Charter School Revenue Bonds" in February 2014 for the purchase and renovations of the building. The renovations were completed in July 2014 and the building occupied by the Charter School in August 2014. The agreement includes an option to purchase premises by the Charter School. The amounts paid under the lease were \$871,932 during the year ended June 30, 2016.

**Parking spaces** at 746 Sandford Avenue, Newark, New Jersey - the Charter School also leases several parking spaces (from St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church of Newark) under an operating lease agreement at a monthly payment of \$3,250. The parking spaces are for the use of its employees who are charged reasonable monthly fees. The amount paid under this lease for the year ended June 30, 2016 was \$39,000.

#### **Equipment Leases**

The Charter School leases office equipment under several operating lease agreements. For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School incurred \$56,771 in equipment lease expenditures.

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#### 5 Lease Obligations - continued

Future minimum lease payments required under the operating leases are as follows:

Year ending	Space	Equipment	
<b>June 30:</b>	Lease	Lease	Total
2017	\$ 853,150	\$ -	\$ 853,150
2018	858,233	-	858,233
2019	871,169	-	871,169
2020	941,773	-	941,773
2021	950,531	-	950,531
Thereafter	27,756,095		27,756,095
	\$ 32,230,951	\$ -	\$ 32,230,951

#### **6** Pension Plans

#### **Description of Plans**

Substantially all of the employees of the Charter School are covered by either the Public Employee's Retirement System or the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (both of which are contributory defined benefits plans). Both were established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefit (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the Public Employees Retirements System and the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625.

#### **Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)**

The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage including post-retirements health care to substantially all full time certified teachers or professional staff of the public school systems in the State. The Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the Charter School and the systems other related non-contributing employers. Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

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#### **6** Pension Plans - continued

#### **Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**

The public Employees' Retirement Systems (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county municipality, Charter School, or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another state-administered retirement system. The public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, Charter School, or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

#### **Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)**

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established under the provision of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 to provide coverage to elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one year of membership.

#### **Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A 43:15a and 4303B and N.J.S.A. 18A: for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirements benefits for age and service are available at age 55 and are generally determine to be 1/55 of the final average salary for each year of service credit as defined. Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years).

Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age. The TPAF and PERS provides for specified medical benefits for member who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System.

Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the member's accounts.

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#### **6** Pension Plans - continued

#### **Significant Legislation**

Effective June 28, 2011, P.L. 2011, c. 78 enacted certain changes in the operations and benefit provisions of the TPAF and the PERS systems.

#### **Pension Plan Design Changes**

Effective June 28, 2011, P.L. 2011, c. 78, new members of TPAF and PERS, hired on or after June 28, 2011, will need 30 years of creditable service and have attained the age of 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of 1/4 of 1% for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of 1/4 of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65. New members will be eligible for a service retirement benefit at age 65.

#### **Funding Changes**

Under the new legislation, the methodology for calculating the unfunded accrued liability payment portion of the employer's annual pension contribution to the PERS, and TPAF. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) will be amortized for each plan over an open-ended 30 year period and paid in level dollars. Beginning with the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation (July 1, 2018 for PERS), the UAAL will be amortized over a closed 30 year period until the remaining period reaches 20, when the amortization period will revert to an open-ended 20 year period.

#### **COLA Suspension**

The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment to current and future retirees and beneficiaries are suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law.

#### **Contribution Requirements**

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and N.J.S.A. 18:66, and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation.

Effective June 28, 2011, P.L. 2001, c. 78 provides for increases in the employee contribution rates: from 5.5% to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years beginning in the first year, meaning after 12 months, after the law's effective date for TPAF and PERS.

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#### **6** Pension Plans - continued

#### **Contribution Requirements** - continued

Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in both TPAF and PERS. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments, non-contributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums. Under current statute the charter school is a non-contributing employer of TPAF (i.e., the State of New Jersey makes the employer contribution on behalf of public school districts and charter school).

#### **Annual Pension Costs (APC)**

Per the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27 for the year ended June 30, 2011 for TPAF, which is a cost sharing plan with special funding situations, annual pension cost differs from the annual required contribution. For PERS, which is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension cost equals contributions made. TPAF employer contributions are made annually by the State of New Jersey to the pension system on behalf of the Board.

#### **Annual Pension Costs (APC)** - continued

PERS employer contributions are made annually by the Board to the pension system in accordance with Chapter 114, P.L. 1997. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

The Charter School's contribution to PERS for the year ended June 30, 2016 was \$111,090.

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$197,071 during the year ended June 30, 2016 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries The State also paid \$476,884 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the TPAF Pension System Contributions and TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions for the Charter School. The unbudgeted amounts were included in both revenues and expenditures.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures

#### Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 position of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the TPAF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the TPAF.

For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

## Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension

The employer contributions for the Charter School are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:66-33. Therefore, the Charter School (employer) is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the Charter School (employer) does 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 Charter School.

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension - continued

However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School was \$19,023,127 as measured on June 30, 2015 and \$16,100,884 as measured on June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$1,161,533 and revenue of \$1,161,533 for support provided by the State. The measurement period for the pension expense and revenue reported in the Charter School's financial statements (A-2) at June 30, 2016 is based upon changes in the collective net pension liability with a measurement period of June 30, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Accordingly, the pension expense and the related revenue associated with the support provided by the State are based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - continued

Although the Charter School does not report net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows related to the TPAF, the following schedule illustrates the collective net pension liability and deferred items and the State's portion of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School. The collective amounts are the total of all New Jersey local governments participating in the TPAF plan.

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 7,521,378,257	\$ 2,306,623,861
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$ 554,399,005	\$ 1,763,205,593
Collective net pension liability (non-employer		
State of New Jersey)	\$63,204,270,305	\$53,446,745,367
State's portion of the net pension liability that was		
associated with the Charter School	\$ 19,023,127	\$ 16,100,884
State's portion of the net pension liability that was		
associated with the Charter School as a		
percentage of the collective net pension liability	0.030098%	0.030125%

#### **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 valuation as of July 1, 2013. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate 2.5%

Salary increases: 2012-2021 Varies based on experience Varies based on experience

Investment rate of return 7.9%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Health Annuitant Mortality Table 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 2000 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 for future mortality improvement.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - continued

#### Actuarial Assumptions - continued

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2014 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

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future 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 are summarized in the following table:

	Target	Long Term Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of 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%
US Equity Market	27.25%	5.63%
Foreign-Developed Equity	12.00%	6.22%
Emerging Market Equity	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 - MultiStrategy	4.00%	4.59%
Heage Funds - Equity Hedge	4.00%	5.68%
Hedge Funds - Distressed	4.00%	4.30%

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - continued

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the State's total pension liability was 4.13% and 4.68% as of June 30, 2015 and 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 3.80% and 4.29% as of June 30, 2015 and 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 contribution rates and that contributions from employers (State of New Jersey) will be made based on the average of the last five years. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members through 2027. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2027, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

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

Since the Charter School's has no proportionate share of the net pension liability because of the special funding situation, the Charter School would not be sensitive to any changes in the discount rate. Detailed information about the pension plan's sensitivity of the collective net pension liability to changes in the discount rate is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/pdf/financial/gasb68-tpaf16.pdf">http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/pdf/financial/gasb68-tpaf16.pdf</a>

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml">http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml</a>.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

## Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension

At June 30, 2016, the Charter School reported a liability of \$2,900,611 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability 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 total pension liability for the June 30, 2014 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2014. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. At June 30, 2015, the Charter School's proportion was 0.0129214715% which was an increase of 0.0020200193% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014 which was 0.0109014522%.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$283,808. At June 30, 2016, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension - continued

	Deferred Outflows of			
	Resources		R	esources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	69,198	\$	-
Changes in assumptions		311,502		-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings				
on pension plan investments		-		46,636
Changes in proportion and differences between Charter				
School's contributions and proportionate share of contributions		434,298		-
Charter School's contributions subsequent to the measurement date		111,090		
Total	\$	926,088	\$	46,636

\$111,090 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ending June 30, 2016, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2015) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30:		Pension Expense	
2016	\$	139,881	
2017		139,881	
2018		139,881	
2019		222,782	
2020		125,938	
Thereafter		-	
	\$	768,362	

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension - continued

	<b>June 30, 2015</b>	<b>June 30, 2014</b>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 3,578,755,666	\$ 952,194,675
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$ 993,410,455	\$ 1,479,224,662
Collective net pension liability (Non-State		
Local Group)	\$22,447,996,119	\$18,722,735,003
Charter School's portion of the net pension liability	\$ 2,900,611	\$ 2,041,050
Charter School's proportion (percentage)	0.01292147%	0.01090145%

#### **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:

Inflation rate	3.04%
Salary increases: 2012-2021	2.12-4.40% based on age
Salary increases: thereafter	3.15-5.40% based on age
Investment rate of return	7.9%

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011. It is unlikely 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.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

#### Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan 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 Pensions 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 weighting the expected future 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 PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 are summarized in the following table:

		Long Term
	Target	<b>Expected Real</b>
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
Cash	5.00%	1.04%
US Treasuries	1.75%	1.64%
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	1.79%
Mortgages	2.10%	1.62%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.03%
Inflation Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.25%
Broad US Equities	27.25%	8.52%
Developed Foreign 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%

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## 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

## Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 4.90% and 5.39% as of June 30, 2015 and 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 3.80% and 4.29% as of June 30, 2015 and 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 contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on the average of the last five years of contributions made in relation to the last five years of recommended contributions.

Based on those assumptions, the 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 plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2033, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

## 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 net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, calculated using the discount rate of 4.90% and 5.39%, respectively, 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:

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## 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

## Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

				2015			
	19	% Decrease (3.90%)	Dis	Current scount Rate (4.90%)	1% Increase (5.90%)		
Charter School's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$	3,605,105	\$	2,900,611	\$	2,309,969	
				2014			
	1%	% Decrease (4.39%)	19	% Increase (6.39%)			
Charter School's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$	2,567,710	\$	2,041,050	\$	1,598,789	

## Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml">http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml</a>

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#### **8** 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 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 pre-funding basis to a pay-as-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 (APB) 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.

## 9 Compensated Absences

The Charter School accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

Charter School employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave in accordance with the Charter School's personnel policy. The Charter School's policy permits employees to accumulate unused sick and personal days and carry forward the full amount to subsequent years. Upon termination or upon retirement, employees are currently not paid for accrued vacation or unused sick and personal days. The Board of the Charter School is currently reviewing the exiting compensated absences policies with the intent of addressing the issues of accumulation and payments upon termination.

As of June 30, 2016, Charter School-wide compensated absences amounted to \$-0-.

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## 10 Deferred Compensation

The Charter School offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with the IRS code 403(b). The plan which is administered by Equitable Financial Companies permits participants to defer a portion of their salaries until future years.

## 11 Economic Dependency

The Charter School receives a substantial amount of its support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of support, if it were to occur, could have an effect on the Charter School's programs and activities.

## 12 Contingent Liabilities

The Charter School participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Charter School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2016, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Charter School believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the Charter School.

The Charter School's attorney's letter advises about three litigations against the Charter School:

a) On or about April 12, 2015, a former employee of the Charter School filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court of the District of New Jersey asserting various employment claims for wrongful termination pursuant to 29 U.S.C.A 2601, et seq and the New Jersey Family Leave Act, N.J.S.A 34:11B-1, et seq. (NJFMLA). The Charter School has denied engaging in any retaliatory or discriminatory acts against the former employee. The decision to terminate the plaintiff's employment was based on legitimate business reasons. Additionally, plaintiff was terminated pursuant to the "atwill" provision in the employment contract. Based on these facts, management of the Charter School has vigorously defended the claims asserted by the former employee. However, at all times, the Charter School has remained willing to consider a reasonable settlement in the interest of avoiding future litigation costs. Plaintiff's counsel has refused to participate in any such discussions. In the opinion of the Charter School's counsel, the former employee is unlikely to succeed on the claims.

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## 12 Contingent Liabilities - continued

- b) Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC)'s discrimination claim filed on March 26, 2015 against the Charter School by a former employee. The former employee was terminated because of their ongoing insubordination and outright refusal to perform duties in direct contravention of Section 1 of their employment contract. The Charter School has filed a response to the charge on May 7, 2015. According to the Charter School's counsel, there has been no action taken by the EEOC.
- c) Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC)'s discrimination claim filed on March 26, 2015 against the Charter School by another former employee. The former employee was terminated as a result of various disciplinary incidents spanning over two (2) years, culminating in an October 21, 2014 serious indiscretion. The Charter School has filed a response to the charge on May 7, 2015. According to the Charter School's counsel, there has been no action taken by the EEOC.

## 13 Risk Management

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.

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation - 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. The following table is a summary of Charter School contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and ending balance of the Charter School's expendable trust fund for the current and previous two years:

Fiscal Year	Cont	rter School ributions/ nterest	mployee tributions	Amount imbursed	Ending Balance
2015-2016	\$	73,295	\$ -	\$ 73,283	\$ 30,460
2014-2015		29,709	-	111,205	30,448
2013-2014		18,544	60,062	49,051	111,944

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## 14 Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2015 is as follows:

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 489,111	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund	-	455,503
Enterprise Fund		33,608
Trust and Agency Fund		<u> </u>
	\$ 489,111	\$ 489,111

The above balances are the results of revenues earned or other financing sources received in one fund which are due to another fund and/or expenditures paid by one fund on behalf of another fund and/or to cover cash balances which were in negative position. Liquidation of this interfund balances is expected within the next fiscal year.

#### 15 Receivables

Receivables as of June 30, 2016 consisted of accounts, intergovernmental, grants and miscellaneous. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of receivables are as follows:

State aid	\$ 242,839
Federal aid	48,134
Other	
Total receivables	\$ 290,973

## **Deposits for the Acquisition of New Facilities**

The Charter School partnered with Build With Purpose (a nonprofit real estate development company) for its new facilities. Build With Purpose secured financing through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority in the form of \$10,010,000 "Charter School Revenue Bonds" in February 2014 for the purchase and renovations of the building in Newark (746 Sandford Avenue), New Jersey. The renovations were completed in July 2014 and the building was leased to the Charter School during the 2014-2015 school-year. As part of the arrangement, the Charter School contributed a total of \$1,255,090 (over a period of three years – July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014) towards the renovations of the building. These payments were reported as assets in the Charter School's financial statements as deposits for the acquisition of new facilities up through June 30, 2014. It was transferred to capital assets as leasehold improvements during the fiscal year 2014-2015 which was when the renovations were complete. The Charter School occupied the building in August 2014.

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## 17 Security Deposits

The Charter School paid \$131,667 to Build With Purpose under its sublease agreement for rental of the new facilities and \$1,000 to St. John's Ukrainian Catholic Church of Newark under a parking space rental agreement as security deposits. These deposits are refundable to the Charter School upon termination of the lease agreements and the Charter School is not in default of its obligations or the conditions of the agreements.

## 18 Conditional Charter Renewal

During the year ended June 30, 2015, New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) granted the Charter School a "conditional" charter renewal for another five year term through the 2019-2020 school-year. The Charter School was originally placed on probation in June 2014 due to the results of certain NJDOE's academic performance framework. The school submitted its renewal application on October 15, 2014 and began to implement changes at every level of the organization. NJDOE's visit in January 2015 noted some progress in the Charter School efforts to meet the standards in the academic performance framework and determined that the Charter School was on the right trajectory. The State extended the probationary period through February 26, 2016. There is no evidence that the State has lifted the probation.

## 19 Subsequent Events

The Charter School has evaluated all subsequent events occurring through the date of the independent auditor's report which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the Charter School has determined that no subsequent events require disclosure in the financial statements.

## **20** Fund Balance Appropriated – General Fund (Exhibit B- 1)

Of the \$1,588,570 General Fund balance at June 30, 2016, the entire \$1,588,570 is unreserved and undesignated.

## 21 Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

## Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet (B-1) and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position (A-1).

The governmental fund balance sheet includes reconciliation between fund balance – total governmental funds and net position - governmental activities as reported in the Government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that long-term liabilities, including deferred pension liability are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. The reconciliation is as follows:

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## 21 Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements - continued

Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet (B-1) and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position (A-1).

Fund balance per B-1	\$ 1,588,570
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	1,061,355
Pension deferred outflows	814,998
Pension deferred inflows	(46,636)
Deferred pension liability as of June 30, 2016	(2,900,611)
Net position (per A-1) as of June 30, 2016	\$ 517,676

## Required Supplementary Information

## Part II

**Budgetary Comparison** 

#### LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund

## **Budget Comparison Schedule**

Decal Sources		Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Second   S	Revenues					
Miscellaneous	Local Sources:					
Total revenues -local sources	Local tax levy	\$ 1,000,410	\$ -	\$ 1,000,410	\$ 983,230	\$ (17,180)
State sources	•	-	-	-	175,012	175,012
State sources	Total revenues -local sources	1,000,410		1,000,410	1,158,242	157,832
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	State sources:					
TPAF pension and post retirement medical benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)         -         -         -         476,884         476,884           Total -state sources         6,005,012         -         6,005,012         6,696,147         691,135           Total revenues         7,005,422         -         7,005,422         7,854,389         848,967           Expenditures           Current expense:         -         -         -         2,005,422         7,854,389         848,967           Expenditures           Current expense:           Instruction         324,330         36,238         360,708         313,344         47,364           Other salaries for instruction         324,330         36,238         360,708         313,344         47,364           Other purchased services         126,107         32,815         294,590         256,388         38,202           Textbooks         45,000         50,766         95,766         91,936         3,830           Miscellaneous expenses         33,240         0,161         24,079         24,308         26,279           Administrative cost:         324,500         256,388         49,809         1,036,842         942,731 <t< td=""><td>State sources</td><td>6,005,012</td><td>-</td><td>6,005,012</td><td>6,022,192</td><td>17,180</td></t<>	State sources	6,005,012	-	6,005,012	6,022,192	17,180
Denefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	197,071	197,071
Denefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	TPAF pension and post retirement medical		-	-	_	_
Total revenues	-	_	_	_	476.884	476.884
Total revenues		6.005.012		6.005.012		
Current expenses	Total -state sources	0,003,012		0,003,012	0,090,147	091,133
Current expense:   Instruction	Total revenues	7,005,422		7,005,422	7,854,389	848,967
Current expense:   Instruction	Expenditures					
Salaries of teachers   2,028,365   179,771   2,208,136   2,094,051   114,085     Other salaries for instruction   324,380   36,328   360,708   313,344   47,364     Purchased profesional technical services   126,100   (29,768)   96,332   57,864   38,468     Other purchased services   -	•					
Other salaries for instruction         324,380         36,328         360,708         313,344         47,364           Purchased profesional technical services         126,100         (29,768)         96,332         57,864         38,468           Other purchased services         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -	*					
Other salaries for instruction         324,380         36,328         360,708         313,344         47,364           Purchased profesional technical services         126,100         (29,768)         96,332         57,864         38,468           Other purchased services         -         -         -         -         -           General educational supplies         261,775         32,815         294,590         256,388         38,202           Textbooks         45,000         50,766         95,766         91,936         3,830           Miscellaneous expenses         33,240         (9,161)         24,079         24,308         (229)           Administrative cost:         2818,860         260,751         3,079,611         2,837,891         241,720           Administrative cost:         33,340         (9,161)         24,079         24,308         (229)           Administrative cost:         283,860         260,751         3,079,611         2,837,891         241,720           Administrative cost:         33,340         19,471         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Porchased cost:         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional /Technical se		2,028,365	179,771	2,208,136	2,094,051	114,085
Other purchased services         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         -         - <td>Other salaries for instruction</td> <td>324,380</td> <td></td> <td>360,708</td> <td>313,344</td> <td>47,364</td>	Other salaries for instruction	324,380		360,708	313,344	47,364
General educational supplies         261,775         32,815         294,590         256,388         38,202           Textbooks         45,000         50,766         95,766         91,936         3,830           Miscellaneous expenses         33,240         (9,161)         24,079         24,308         (229)           Administrative cost:         Salaries         939,373         97,469         1,036,842         942,731         94,111           Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)      <	Purchased profesional technical services	126,100	(29,768)	96,332	57,864	38,468
General educational supplies         261,775         32,815         294,590         256,388         38,202           Textbooks         45,000         50,766         95,766         91,936         3,830           Miscellaneous expenses         33,240         (9,161)         24,079         24,308         (229)           Administrative cost:         Salaries         939,373         97,469         1,036,842         942,731         94,111           Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)      <	<u>*</u>	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses         33,240         (9,161)         24,079         24,308         (229)           Administrative cost:         Salaries         939,373         97,469         1,036,842         942,731         94,111           Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional /Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         49,80         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         4,003           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         160,12 </td <td></td> <td>261,775</td> <td>32,815</td> <td>294,590</td> <td>256,388</td> <td>38,202</td>		261,775	32,815	294,590	256,388	38,202
Administrative cost:         2,818,860         260,751         3,079,611         2,837,891         241,720           Salaries         939,373         97,469         1,036,842         942,731         94,111           Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional / Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         2,225,617         541,759         2,767,376         2,627,788         139,588           Support services:         3         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)		45,000	50,766	95,766	91,936	3,830
Administrative cost:         Salaries         939,373         97,469         1,036,842         942,731         94,111           Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional /Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         Support services:           Salaries         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830	Miscellaneous expenses	33,240	(9,161)	24,079	24,308	(229)
Salaries         939,373         97,469         1,036,842         942,731         94,111           Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional / Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         2,225,617         541,759         2,767,376         2,627,788         139,588           Support services:         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and b	-	2,818,860	260,751	3,079,611	2,837,891	241,720
Salaries         939,373         97,469         1,036,842         942,731         94,111           Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional / Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         2,225,617         541,759         2,767,376         2,627,788         139,588           Support services:         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and b	Administrative cost:					
Total benefit costs         1,001,928         119,477         1,121,405         1,177,876         (56,471)           Professional / Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         2,225,617         541,759         2,767,376         2,627,788         139,588           Support services:           Salaries         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612		939,373	97.469	1.036.842	942.731	94.111
Professional / Technical service         209,650         288,215         497,865         425,007         72,858           Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         2,225,617         541,759         2,767,376         2,627,788         139,588           Support services:         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Suppl						
Other purchased services         8,400         33,255         41,655         30,138         11,517           Communications and Telephones         43,086         (5,637)         37,449         32,687         4,762           Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         2,225,617         541,759         2,767,376         2,627,788         139,588           Support services:         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities<	Professional /Technical service					,
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Supplies and materials         10,000         4,000         14,000         2,482         11,518           Miscellaneous expenses         13,180         4,980         18,160         16,867         1,293           Support services:         2,225,617         541,759         2,767,376         2,627,788         139,588           Support services:         Salaries         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         15						
Support services:         Salaries         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035			4,000	14,000	2,482	11,518
Support services:         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035	Miscellaneous expenses	13,180	4,980	18,160	16,867	1,293
Salaries         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035		2,225,617	541,759	2,767,376	2,627,788	139,588
Salaries         881,189         (28,764)         852,425         751,132         101,293           Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035	Support services:					
Purchased prof/tech service         113,640         47,998         161,638         165,641         (4,003)           Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035	11	881,189	(28,764)	852,425	751,132	101,293
Other purchased services         52,500         15,000         67,500         51,488         16,012           Rent on land and buildings         910,932         3,830         914,762         907,612         7,150           Insurance-fidelity, liability property         41,050         -         41,050         40,376         674           Supplies and materials         40,800         41,000         81,800         45,862         35,938           Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035	Purchased prof/tech service		,			
Rent on land and buildings       910,932       3,830       914,762       907,612       7,150         Insurance-fidelity, liability property       41,050       -       41,050       40,376       674         Supplies and materials       40,800       41,000       81,800       45,862       35,938         Energy & Utilities       80,000       14,807       94,807       72,629       22,178         Miscellaneous expenses       -       -       -       -       -         Transportation to/from school       120,000       8,333       128,333       133,050       (4,717)         Transportation other than to/from school       15,000       -       15,000       5,965       9,035				67,500		
Supplies and materials       40,800       41,000       81,800       45,862       35,938         Energy & Utilities       80,000       14,807       94,807       72,629       22,178         Miscellaneous expenses       -       -       -       -         Transportation to/from school       120,000       8,333       128,333       133,050       (4,717)         Transportation other than to/from school       15,000       -       15,000       5,965       9,035			3,830	914,762	907,612	7,150
Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035			-	41,050		
Energy & Utilities         80,000         14,807         94,807         72,629         22,178           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -           Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *		41,000			
Transportation to/from school         120,000         8,333         128,333         133,050         (4,717)           Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035	Energy & Utilities	80,000	14,807	94,807	72,629	22,178
Transportation other than to/from school         15,000         -         15,000         5,965         9,035	Miscellaneous expenses		-		-	-
	Transportation to/from school	120,000	8,333	128,333	133,050	(4,717)
Total support services 2,255,111 102,204 2,357,315 2,173,755 183,560	Transportation other than to/from school	15,000		15,000	5,965	9,035
	Total support services	2,255,111	102,204	2,357,315	2,173,755	183,560

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund

## **Budget Comparison Schedule**

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Capital outlay:					
Instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Non-instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase land/improvements Total capital outlay	5,000 5,000	70,000	75,000 75,000	71,250 71,250	3,750 3,750
TPAF-Social Security TPAF pension and post retirement medical	-	-	-	197,071	(197,071)
benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	476,884	(476,884)
Total expenditures	7,304,588	974,714	8,279,302	8,384,639	(105,337)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(299,166)	(974,714)	(1,273,880)	(530,250)	954,304
Other financing uses: Transfer to cover food deficit	(40,000)		(40,000)	(46,574)	6,574
Change in fund balance	(339,166)	(974,714)	(1,313,880)	(576,824)	960,878
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,165,394	-	2,165,394	2,165,394	-
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,826,228	\$ (974,714)	\$ 851,514	\$ 1,588,570	\$ 960,878

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Special Revenue Fund

## **Budget Comparison Schedule**

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual		
Revenues Federal sources	\$ 492,939	\$ -	\$ 492,939	\$ 438,764	\$ 54,175		
Local sources	101,790		\$ 492,939 101,791	71,302	30,489		
Total revenues -all sources	\$ 594,729	\$ 1	\$ 594,730	\$ 510,066	\$ 84,664		
Expenditures							
Current Expenditures:							
Instruction:							
Salaries of teachers	\$ 183,977	\$ -	\$ 183,977	\$ 165,581	\$ 18,396		
Purchased Prof. and technical services	56,583	-	56,583	13,038	43,545		
Other purchased services	24.225	-	24.225	24.225	-		
General supplies Miscellaneous expenditures	34,335	-	34,335	34,335	-		
Total instruction	274,895		274,895	212,954	61,941		
Total instruction	274,073		274,073	212,754	01,541		
Support services							
Support services salaries	_	-	-	-	-		
Employee benefits	45,500	-	45,500	39,151	6,349		
Purchased professional services	47,774	-	47,774	65,879	(18,105)		
Other purchased services	-	-	-	-	-		
Supplies	90,806	-	90,806	56,157	34,649		
Miscellaneous expenditures	-	-	-	-	-		
Total support services	184,080		184,080	161,187	22,893		
Capital Outlay:							
Facilities acquisition and construction services			-		-		
Instructional equipment	135,754	-	135,754	135,925	(171)		
Noninstructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-		
Construction services							
Total facilities acquisition and construction services	135,754		135,754	135,925	(171)		
Total expenditures	\$ 594,729	\$ -	\$ 594,729	\$ 510,066	\$ 84,663		

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

## Note to Required Supplementary Information Budget to GAAP Reconciliation

## Year ended June 30, 2016

		General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/inflows of resources			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue"			
from the budgetary comparison schedule:	[C-1] [C-2]	\$7,854,389	\$ 510,066
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 reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures			
and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2]	\$7,854,389	\$ 510,066
Uses/outflows of resources			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the			
budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1]	\$8,384,639	
• , ,	[C-2]		\$ 510,066
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 reporting purposes.			-
Transfers to and from other funds are presented as outflows of			
budgetary resources but are not expenditures			
for financial reporting purposes.			
Net transfer (outflows) to general fund			
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues,			
expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2]	\$8,384,639	\$ 510,066

Note 1) The general fund budget basis of the use/outflow of resources is GAAP, therefore no reconciliation is required.

# Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - PERS Last Three Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014 2013 2015 Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability (assets) 0.0109014522% 0.0100406172% 0.0129214715% Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) 2,900,611 2,041,050 1,918,961 Charter School's covered employee payroll \$ 766,230 \$ 783,019 \$ 731,830 Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll 378.56% 260.66% 262.21% Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability - local 47.93% 52.08% 48.72%

#### Note

Until a full ten year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years for which information is available.

# Schedule of the Charter School's Contributions - PERS Last Three Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

		Fiscal Year Ended June 30,							
	2015			2014		2013			
Contractually required contribution	\$	111,090	\$	89,870	\$	75,654			
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution		(111,090)		(89,870)		(75,654)			
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-			
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$	766,230	\$	783,019	\$	731,830			
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll		14.50%		11.48%		10.34%			

#### Note

Until a full ten year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years for which information is available.

# Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - TPAF Last Three Fiscal Years (Unaudited)

	]	Fiscal `	Year Ended Jun		
	2015		2014		2013
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability (assets)**	N/A		N/A		N/A
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)**	N/A		N/A		N/A
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) associated with the Charter School	\$ 19,023,127	\$	16,100,884	\$	15,824,235
Total	\$ 19,023,127	\$	16,100,884	\$	15,824,235
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$ 2,531,306	\$	2,621,456	\$	2,988,385
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll**	N/A		N/A		N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	28.71%		33.64%		33.76%

#### \*\*Note

TPAF is a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 in which the State of New Jersey is 100% responsible for contributions to the plan. Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan there is no net pension liability to report in the financial statements of the Charter School.

#### Note

Until a full ten year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years for which information is available.

## Note to Required Supplementary Information Pension Schedules Year ended June 30, 2016

#### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Changes of benefit terms. 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.

Changes of assumptions. Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Mortality Tables (setback 1 year for females) with adjustments for mortality improvements from the base year of 2012 Based on Projection Scale AA.

#### Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Changes of benefit terms. The vesting and benefit provisions 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 for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Changes of assumptions. Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Health Annuitant Mortality Table 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 2000 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 for future mortality improvement.

Other Supplementary Information

School Level Schedules

Special Revenue Fund

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Special Revenue Fund

## Combining Schedule of Program, Revenue and Expenditures Budgetary Basis

	Cui	Γitle IA rrent Year 015-2016	Cu	I.D.E.A. arrent Year 1015-2016	Pr	D.E.A. reschool 15-2016	Cui	Fitle IIA rrent Year 015-2016	Cui	To-The-Top rrent Year 015-2016		MCJ undation		GEM indation		/ictoria undation		SBAIG ty Grant		Total
Revenues Federal sources	\$	304,548	\$	97,420	\$	3,554	\$	27,583	s	5,659	s	_	s	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	438,764
Local sources	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ.	28,581	Ψ	3,201	Ψ.	37,818	Ψ	1,702	Ψ	71,302
Total revenues -all sources	\$	304,548	\$	97,420	\$	3,554	\$	27,583	\$	5,659	\$	28,581	\$	3,201	\$	37,818	\$	1,702	\$	510,066
Expenditures Instruction Salaries of teachers	\$	156.604	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	8,977	\$		\$	165,581
Purchased Prof. and technical services	Ψ	5,405	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	7,633	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ	-	Ψ	_	Ψ	13,038
Other purchased services		-		_		_		-		_		-		-		-		_		-
General supplies		-		7,153		3,554		-		-		2,213		-		21,415		-		34,335
Miscellaneous expenditures		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Total instruction		162,009		7,153		3,554		7,633		-		2,213		-		30,392		-		212,954
Support services Support services salaries		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Employee benefits		39,151		2 275		-		10.050				26.260		2 201		7.406		-		39,151
Purchased professional services		-		3,275		-		19,950		5,659		26,368		3,201		7,426		-		65,879
Other purchased services		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		1 700		-
Supplies Miscellaneous expenditures		54,455		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		1,702		56,157
Total support services		93,606		3,275				19,950		5,659		26,368		3,201		7,426		1,702		161,187
Facilities acquisition and construction services Instructional equipment Noninstructional equipment		48,933		86,992		-		-						-				-		135,925
Construction services		_		_				_		_		_		_		_		_		_
Total facilities acquisition and construction services		48,933		86,992		-								_						135,925
Total expenditures	\$	304,548	\$	97,420	\$	3,554	\$	27,583	\$	5,659	\$	28,581	\$	3,201	\$	37,818	\$	1,702	\$	510,066

Capital Projects Fund At June 30, 2016, there was no capital project fund.

Enterprise Fund

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## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Enterprise Funds

## **Combining Statement of Net Position**

## June 30, 2016

	Food Service	es	Before and After School Program			Total
Assets						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,	389	\$	_	\$	16,389
Accounts receivable:	Ψ 10,.	-	Ψ	_	Ψ	-
Federal	16,9	997		_		16,997
State	*	222		_		222
Other		_		_		-
Interfund receivable		_		-		-
Total current assets	\$ 33,	508	\$	_	\$	33,608
Liabilities						
Current liabilities:						
Interfund payable - general fund	33,	508		_		33,608
Accounts payable	,	-		_		-
Total current liabilities	\$ 33,0	508	\$		\$	33,608
Net position						
Unresricted	_					
Total net position	\$		\$	-	\$	-

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Enterprise Fund

## Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position

	Food Services	Before and After School Program	Total	
Operating revenues:				
Charges for services:				
Daily sales - nonreimbursable programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	-	
Total Operating revenues				
Operating expenses:				
Cost of sales	206,804	-	206,804	
Salaries	80,909	-	80,909	
Employee benefits	-	-	-	
Other purchased services	4,865	-	4,865	
Supplies and materials	9,269	-	9,269	
Depreciation	-	-	-	
Miscellaneous	1	<u> </u>	1	
Total operating expenses	301,848		301,848	
Operating income/(loss)	(301,848)		(301,848)	
Nonoperating revenues:				
State sources:				
State school lunch program	3,297	-	3,297	
Federal sources:	-	-	-	
National school lunch program	181,667	-	181,667	
National school breakfast program	70,310	-	70,310	
Total nonoperating revenues	255,274		255,274	
Net income/(loss) before contributions & transfers	(46,574)	-	(46,574)	
Other financing sources:				
Transfer in/(out) - board contribution	46,574	-	46,574	
	46,574	_	46,574	
Change in net position	-	-	-	
Total net position-beginning of year				
Total net position-end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Enterprise Fund

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

	Food Services	Before and After School Program	Total	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Operating loss	\$ (301,848	3) \$ -	\$ (301,848)	
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash			-	
used in operating activities:			-	
Changes in assets and liabilities:			-	
Accounts receivable	3,245	-	3,245	
Due from general fund	-	-	-	
Due to general fund	(71,674	-	(71,674)	
Accounts payable		<u> </u>		
Net cash used in operating activities	(370,277	-	(370,277)	
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:				
Cash received from state reimbursements	3,297	-	3,297	
Cash received from federal reimbursements	251,977	-	251,977	
Operating subsidies and transfers from other funds	46,574	-	46,574	
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	301,848	-	301,848	
Cash flows from investing activities	-		-	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(68,429	-	(68,429)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	84,818		84,818	
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ 16,389	\$ -	\$ 16,389	

Fiduciary Fund

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Fiduciary Funds

## **Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

## June 30, 2016

	Unemployment Insurance Fund		Ac	Student Agency Activity Fund Fund Payroll		Total		
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Total assets	\$ \$	30,460 30,460	\$	452 452	\$	12,555 12,555	\$	43,467 43,467
Liabilities and fund balances Liabilities: Payroll deductions and withholdings Interfund payables Account payable - due to students group Total liabilities	\$	- - - -	\$	- - 452 452	\$	12,555 - 12,555	\$	12,555 - 452 13,007
Net position Total liabilities and net position	\$	30,460 30,460					\$	30,460 43,467

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Fiduciary Funds

## Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

	Unemploymen Compensation				
Revenues:	ф	72 205			
General fund appropriation Total revenues	\$	73,295 73,295			
Expenditures: Payments to NJ Unemployment Compensation Fund Total expenditures		73,283 73,283			
Excess(deficiency) of revenue over(under) expenditures		12			
Net position, beginning		30,448			
Net position, ending	\$	30,460			

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

## Student Activity Agency Fund Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements

	Balance June 30, 2015		Cash Receipts		Cash Disbursements		Balance June 30, 2016	
Assets								
Parent council fund	\$	452	\$ 4,103	\$	4,103	\$	452	
Total assets	\$	452	\$ 4,103	\$	4,103	\$	452	

## LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

## Payroll Agency Fund Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements

	Balance June 30, 2015		Cash Receipts	Dis	Cash bursements	Balance June 30, 2016		
Assets Cash and cash equivalents Interfund receivable	\$	12,555	\$ 4,231,892	\$	4,231,892	\$	12,555	
Total assets	\$	12,555	\$ 4,231,892	\$	4,231,892	\$	12,555	
<b>Liabilities</b> Payroll deductions and withholdings Interfund payable	\$	12,555	\$ 4,231,892	\$	4,231,892	\$	12,555	
Total liabilities	\$	12,555	\$ 4,231,892	\$	4,231,892	\$	12,555	

Long Term Debt

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# LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL Long-Term Debt Schedule of Obligations Under Renovation Loan

	Variable Interest Rate Payable	Amount of Original Issue	Amount Outstanding June 30, 2015	Acquired Current Year	Retired Current Year	Amount Outstanding June 30, 2016
NONE						
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

**Statistical Section** 

#### LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL County of Essex New Jersey

#### NET POSITION BY COMPONENT

Last Ten Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Governmental activities Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted	\$ 1,061,355	\$ 1,119,518	\$ - 1,255,090	\$ 75,118	\$ 150,237	\$ -	\$ 909,256	\$ 948,002	\$ 945,714	\$ 992,605
Unrestricted	(543,679)	295,737	3,221,708	3,451,459	2,545,823	1,926,947	1,438,229	715,547	493,244	51,982
Total governmental activities net position	\$ 517,676	\$ 1,415,255	\$ 4,476,798	\$ 3,526,577	\$ 2,696,060	\$ 1,926,947	\$ 2,347,485	\$ 1,663,549	\$ 1,438,958	\$ 1,044,587
Business-type activities  Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	Ψ <u>-</u>	Ψ <u>-</u>	Ψ <u>-</u>	Ψ -	Ψ <u>-</u>	Ψ -	Ψ <u>-</u>	Ψ -	Ψ <u>-</u>	Ψ <u>-</u>
Unrestricted	_	_	_	-	8,389	7,266	_	-		_
Total business-type activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,389	\$ 7,266	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School-wide										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 1,061,355	\$ 1,119,518	\$ -	\$ 75,118	\$ 150,237	\$ -	\$ 909,256	\$ 948,002	\$ 945,714	\$ 992,605
Restricted	-	-	1,255,090	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	(543,679)	295,737	3,221,708	3,451,459	2,554,212	1,934,213	1,438,229	715,547	493,244	51,982
Total charter school net position	\$ 517,676	\$ 1,415,255	\$ 4,476,798	\$ 3,526,577	\$ 2,704,449	\$ 1,934,213	\$ 2,347,485	\$ 1,663,549	\$ 1,438,958	\$ 1,044,587
Total charter school het position	\$ 317,070	\$ 1,415,255	\$ 4,470,798	\$ 3,320,377	\$ 2,704,449	\$ 1,934,213	\$ 2,347,483	\$ 1,003,349	\$ 1,438,938	\$ 1,044,387

#### CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Last Ten Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

#### (Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
P.										
Expenses Governmental activities										
Instruction										
Regular	\$ 3,050,845	\$ 3,327,564	\$ 3,400,848	\$ 3,745,031	\$ 3,474,342	\$ 3,448,517	\$ 3,050,717	\$ 2,897,262	\$ 2,450,071	\$ 2,518,571
Support services:										
General administration	3,367,263	2,627,195	2,490,588	1,375,810	1,364,160	1,893,979	2,016,949	1,702,169	1,211,696	1,300,449
Support Services	2,334,942	2,143,756	1,492,608	2,555,741	2,844,823	1,397,471	1,510,786	1,350,972	987,548	948,820
On-Behalf TPAF Social Security/Pension	197,071	232,034	253,190	-	-	422,176	232,414	203,732	174,679	161,510
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	40,449	38,818	79,239	71,430	59,681
Unallocated depreciation	265,339	223,904	75,118	75,119	75,119	61,613	77,564	76,951	67,973	65,252
Total governmental activities expenses	9,215,460	8,554,453	7,712,352	7,751,701	7,758,444	7,264,205	6,927,248	6,310,325	4,963,397	5,054,283
Business-type activities:										
Food service	301,848	283,425	306,926	311,187	274,471	249,940	239,907	211,340	192,867	199,753
Child Care	-	1,200	2,415	58,495	7,828	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities expense	301,848	284,625	309,341	369,682	282,299	249,940	239,907	211,340	192,867	199,753
Total charter school expenses	\$ 9,517,308	\$ 8,839,078	\$ 8,021,693	\$ 8,121,383	\$ 8,040,743	\$ 7,514,145	\$ 7,167,155	\$ 6,521,665	\$ 5,156,264	\$ 5,254,036
Program revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 510,066	\$ 494,354	\$ 528,358	\$ 1,660,255	\$ 1,624,817	\$ 585,929	\$ 1,047,435	s -	S -	S -
Capital grants and contributions		-		,,	,,	-	,,	-	-	-
Total governmental activities program revenues	510,066	494,354	528,358	1,660,255	1,624,817	585,929	1,047,435			
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services										
Food service	-	-	6,433	11,708	14,537	257,206	239,907	211,340	191,876	199,072
Child care	-	-	979	21,454	16,217	-	-	-	-	-
Operating grants and contributions	255,274	251,033	249,922	270,570	236,493	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions					· -	_	_	_	_	_
Total business type activities program revenues	255,274	251,033	257,334	303,732	267,247	257,206	239,907	211,340	191,876	199,072
Total charter school program revenues	\$ 765,340	\$ 745,387	\$ 785,692	\$ 1,963,987	\$ 1,892,064	\$ 843,135	\$ 1,287,342	\$ 211,340	\$ 191,876	\$ 199,072
Net (expense)/revenue										
Governmental activities	\$ (8,705,394)	\$ (8,060,099)	\$ (7,183,994)	\$ (6,091,446)	\$ (6,133,627)	\$ (6,678,276)	\$ (5,879,813)	\$ (6,310,325)	\$ (4,963,397)	\$ (5,054,283)
Business-type activities	(46,574)	(33,592)	(52,007)	(65,950)	(15,052)	7,266	- (2,079,012)	- (0,510,525)	(991)	(681)
Total charter school-wide net expense	\$ (8,751,968)	\$ (8,093,691)	\$ (7,236,001)	\$ (6,157,396)	\$ (6,148,679)	\$ (6,671,010)	\$ (5,879,813)	\$ (6,310,325)	\$ (4,964,388)	\$ (5,054,964)
Total Charter School-wide liet expense	ψ (0,731,700)	ψ (0,075,091)	ψ (7,230,001)	ψ (0,137,390)	ψ (0,140,079)	ψ (0,071,010)	ψ (5,077,013)	ψ (0,510,525)	ψ ( <del>1</del> ,20 <del>1</del> ,200)	ψ (3,03 <del>1</del> ,704)

#### CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Last Ten Years

 $(accrual\ basis\ of\ accounting)$ 

#### (Unaudited)

					Fiscal Yea	ar Ended June 30,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
General revenues and other changes in net position										
Governmental activities:										
Charter School Aid - Local Share	\$ 983,230	\$ 890,755	\$ 1,040,388	\$ 995,013	\$ 856,491	\$ 824,361	\$ 781,138	\$ 736,758	\$ 986,199	\$ 763,208
Charter School Aid - State Share	6,696,147	6,154,467	6,687,478	5,659,595	5,829,615	5,464,160	5,120,874	4,552,590	2,413,597	2,395,837
Unrestricted State and Federal Aid	-	-	-	-	-	782,425	574,757	1,145,270	1,911,742	1,852,374
Miscellaneous income	175,012	27,976	105,795	24,916	232,809	34,435	48,162	21,059	25,148	-
Increase (Decrease) in Net Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	(451,526)	38,818	79,239	21,082	19,052
Cancellation of PY Accounts Payable	-	-	-	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In/(Out)	(46,574)	(33,592)	(52,007)	(57,561)	(16,175)	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	7,807,815	7,039,606	7,781,654	6,921,963	6,902,740	6,653,855	6,563,749	6,534,916	5,357,768	5,030,471
Business-type activities:										
Transfers	46,574	33,592	52,007	57,561	16,175					
Total business-type activities	46,574	33,592	52,007	57,561	16,175					-
Total charter school-wide	\$ 7,854,389	\$ 7,073,198	\$ 7,833,661	\$ 6,979,524	\$ 6,918,915	\$ 6,653,855	\$ 6,563,749	\$ 6,534,916	\$ 5,357,768	\$ 5,030,471
Change in net position										
Governmental activities	\$ (851,005)	\$ (986,901)	\$ 649,667	\$ 830,517	\$ 769,113	\$ (24,421)	\$ 683,936	\$ 224,591	\$ 393,380	\$ (24,493)
Business-type activities	(46,574)	(52,007)	(52,007)	(8,389)	1,123	7,266			(991)	(681)
Total charter school	\$ (897,579)	\$ (1,038,908)	\$ 597,660	\$ 822,128	\$ 770,236	\$ (17,155)	\$ 683,936	\$ 224,591	\$ 392,389	\$ (25,174)

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#### Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Last Ten Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

							Fiscal Yea	r End	ed June 30,				
	2016		2015	_	2014	2013	2012		2011	2010	 2009	2008	2007
General Fund													
Unreserved	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 1,438,229	\$ 715,847	\$ 493,244	\$ 51,982
Assigned	-		-		1,255,090	404,621	42,414		-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	517,67	6	1,415,255		3,221,708	3,046,838	2,503,409		1,926,947	-	-	-	-
Total General Fund	\$ 517,67	6 \$	1,415,255	\$	4,476,798	\$ 3,451,459	\$ 2,545,823	\$	1,926,947	\$ 1,438,229	\$ 715,847	\$ 493,244	\$ 51,982
Total All Governmental Funds	\$ 517,67	6 \$	1,415,255	\$	4,476,798	\$ 3,451,459	\$ 2,545,823	\$	1,926,947	\$ 1,438,229	\$ 715,847	\$ 493,244	\$ 51,982

**County of Essex New Jersey** 

#### Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

Revenues  Local tax levy \$  Other Local Revenue	983,230 175,012 ,696,147	\$ 890,755 27,976	\$ 1,040,388	<u> </u>	2013		2012		2011		2010		2009		2008		2007
Local tax levy \$ Other Local Revenue	175,012		\$ 1,040,388	2													
Local tax levy \$ Other Local Revenue	175,012		\$ 1,040,388	¢													
Other Local Revenue	175,012		Ψ 1,0+0,500		995,013	\$	856,491	\$	824,361	\$	781,138	\$	736,758	\$	1,011,347	\$	763,208
	*		105,795	Ψ	24,916	Ψ	238,442	Ψ	125,854	Ψ	48,162	Ψ	21,059	Ψ	19,052	Ψ	703,200
	,0,0,1,1,	6,154,467	6,687,478		6,726,645		6,733,668		6,246,585		5,695,631		4,996,891		3,801,347		3,781,702
	438,764	494,354	528,358		593,204		715,130		494,510		1,047,435		700,969		504,940		466,509
	,293,153	7,567,552	8,362,019		8,339,778		8,543,731		7,691,310		7,572,366		6,455,677		5,336,686		5,011,419
Total revenue 6,	,293,133	7,307,332	0,302,019		0,339,770		0,545,751		7,091,310		1,312,300		0,433,077		3,330,080		3,011,419
Expenditures																	
Regular Instruction 3.	,050,845	3,327,564	3,400,848		3,303,460		3,143,000		3,448,517		3,397,382		2,978,578		2,455,939		2,518,571
General Administration 2,	,627,788	2,377,548	2,145,922		1,237,168		1,261,673		1,893,979		1,670,284		1,620,853		1,205,828		1,300,449
Support Services 2,	,334,942	2,143,756	1,492,608		2,441,108		2,984,185		1,397,471		1,510,786		1,350,972		987,548		948,820
TPAF Social Security and Pension	673,955	653,074	597,856		694,845		517,814		422,176		232,414		203,732		174,679		161,510
Capital Outlay	207,175	88,332	-		-		2,008		40,449		38,818		79,239		71,430		59,681
Total expenditures 8,	,894,705	8,590,274	7,637,234		7,676,581		7,908,680		7,202,592	- 1	5,849,684		6,233,374		4,895,424		4,989,031
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues																	
* **	(601,552)	(1,022,722)	724,785		663,197		635,051		488,718		722,682		222,303		441,262		22,388
Over/(Older) Expellatures	(001,332)	(1,022,722)	724,703		003,177		033,031		400,710		722,002		222,303		441,202		22,300
Other financing sources/(uses):																	
Cancellation of Prior Year Accounts Payable	-	-	-		300,000		-		-		-		-		-		-
Transfers In/(Out)	(46,574)	(33,592)	(52,007)		(57,561)		(16,175)		-		-		-		-		-
Total other financing sources/(uses)	(46,574)	(33,592)	(52,007)		242,439		(16,175)		-		-		-		-		-
Net change in fund balance	(648,126)	(1,056,314)	672,778		905,636		618,876		488,718		722,682		222,303		441,262		22,388
Debt service as a %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%

Source: Lady Liberty Academy Charter School Financial Reports.

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#### General Fund Other Local Revenue by Source Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

Function	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Other local revenues Miscellaneous	\$ 175,012	\$ 27,976	\$ 105,795	\$ 22,048	\$ 3,583	\$ 34,435	\$ 48,162	\$ 21,059	\$ 25,148	\$ -
Total other local revenue	\$ 175,012	\$ 27,976	\$ 105,795	\$ 22,048	\$ 3,583	\$ 34,435	\$ 48,162	\$ 21,059	\$ 25,148	\$ -

Source: Lady Liberty Academy Charter School Financial Reports.

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#### Ratio of Outstanding Debt By Type Last Ten Years

					Type			
		Governmental A	Activities		Activities			
	•	Certificates		Bond				
	General	of		Anticipatio				
Fiscal Year Ended	Obligation Bonds	Participatio	Capital	n Notes	Capital	Total Charter	Percentage of	Per Capita
June 30,	b	n	Leases	(BANs)	Leases	School	Personal Income a	a
NONE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -

Note: Details regarding the Charter School's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

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#### LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL County of Essex New Jersey

# Demographic and Economic Statistics Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

					ounty Per	
				Capi	ta Personal	Unemployment
Year	Population <sup>a</sup>	Pe	ersonal Income b	I1	ncome <sup>c</sup>	Rate d
2007	272,434	\$	3,544,093,906	\$	13,009	9.50%
2008	272,434		3,544,093,906		13,009	9.50%
2009	272,434		3,544,093,906		13,009	14.10%
2010	277,140		3,605,314,260		13,009	15.00%
2011	277,140		3,605,314,260		13,009	15.00%
2012	277,140		3,605,314,260		13,009	15.00%
2013	277,140		3,605,314,260		13,009	15.00%
2014	277,140		3,605,314,260		13,009	15.00%
2015	277,140		3,605,314,260		13,009	15.00%
2016	277,140		3,605,314,260		13,009	15.00%

#### **Source:**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Population information provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development b Personal income has been estimated based upon the municipal population and per capita personal income presented

c Personal capital income by municipality estimated based upon the 2000 Cesus published by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Unemployment data provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

#### Principal Employers Current Year (Unaudited)

2016 a a Percentage of Rank **Total Municipal Employment Employer Employees** [Optional] Newark Liberty International Airport 24,000 1 17.14% 2 **Verizon Communications** 17,100 12.21% Prudential Financial, Inc. 3 16,850 12.04% Continental Airline 11,000 4 7.86% 5 University of Medicines/Dentistry 11,000 7.86% Public Service Enterprise Group 6 10,800 7.71% Prudential Insurance 4,492 7 3.21% City of Newark 3,984 8 2.85% 9 Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield 3,900 2.79% 103,126 73.67%

Source: Web Site: http://www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-Northeast/Newark-Economy.html

## Full-Time Equivalent Charter School Employees by Function/Program Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Function/Program			2014				2010	2007		2007
Instruction										
Regular	38	38	38	45	47	46	34	-	33	34
Special education	3	3	3	3	3	11	9	-	7	5
Other Special Education	3	3	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
Other instruction	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Support Services:										
Student & instruction related services	5	5	5	6	4	11	13	-	8	13
School administrative services	6	6	6	6	6	4	4	-	4	2
Other administrative services	5	5	5	5	5	3	4	-	5	3
Central services	4	4	4	4	6	-	1	-	1	2
Plant operations and maintenance	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	-	-	-
Other support services	7	7	7	7	6	10	7	-	-	7
Special Schools	2	2	2	2	3	-	-	-	18	6
Food Service	3	3	3	3		4	3	-	-	-
Total	82	82	82	90	89	94	82		76	72

This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB #44 was implemented during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

Source: Lady Liberty Academy Charter School Financial Reports.

#### **Operating Statistics**

#### Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures <sup>a</sup>	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff <sup>b</sup>	Pupil/Teacher Ratio ( c )	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) d	Average Daily Attendance (ADA) d	% Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2007	443	4,274,522	9,649	15.28%	41	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	98.00%
2008	443	4,713,525	10,640	10.27%	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	98.00%
2009	443	6,233,374	14,071	32.24%	45	N/A	433.0	402	N/A	92.84%
2010	443	6,233,374	14,071	0.00%	45	N/A	433.0	402	0.00%	92.84%
2011	451	6,900,763	15,301	8.74%	57	N/A	454.0	425	4.85%	93.61%
2012	456	7,906,672	17,339	13.32%	53	1:12	460.5	426	1.43%	92.42%
2013	461	7,734,142	16,777	-3.24%	51	1:12	456.0	427	0.98%	93.62%
2014	454	7,637,234	16,822	0.27%	41	1:12	456.0	427	0.98%	93.62%
2015	404	8,501,942	21,044	25.10%	41	1:12	450.0	421	0.98%	93.56%
2016	438	8,687,530	19,835	-5.75%	41	1:12	438.0	421	-3.95%	96.12%

Note: Enrollment is based on annual October Student count.

- a Operating expenditures esual total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.
- b Cost per pupil is calculated based upon enrollment and operating expenditures presented and may not be the same as other cost per pupil calculations.
- c Teaching staff includes only full-time equivalents of certificated staff.
- d Average daily enrollment and average daily attendance are obtained from the School Register Summary (SRS).

#### N/A Information is not available.

This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB #44 was implemented during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

Source: Lady Liberty Academy Charter School Financial Reports.

#### School Building Information Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

#### Fiscal Year Ended June 30.

	Tibedi Teli Bilada Galle 209										
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	
Square Feet	80,000	80,000	80,000	N/A							
-	*	,	<i>'</i>								
Capacity (students)	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	
Enrollment	438	404	454	460	456	451	443	443	443	443	

#### Number of Schools at June 30, 2016:

None

Note: Enrollment is based on the annual October student count.

N/A - Not Applicable since the Charter School does not own its facilities.

Source: Lady Liberty Academy Charter School Office.

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Schedule of Required Maintenance Expenditures
By School Facility
Last Ten Years
(Unaudited)

**Not Available** 

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#### LADY LIBERTY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL County of Essex New Jersey

#### **Insurance Schedule**

#### June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

School Package Policy	Coverage
New Jersey School Board Association	
Insurance Group (NJSBAIG)	
Package Policy:	
Blanket Real and Personal Property	\$ 550,000
Comprehensive General Liability	6,000,000
Computer Equipment	250,000
Equipment Breakdown	100,000,000
Crime Coverage:	
Faithful Performance	250,000
Money and Securities	10,000
Automobile	6,000,000
School Board Legal Liability	6,000,000
Employers Liability	2,000,000
Flood	
Board Secretary/Business Administrator	175,000
Treasurer of School Moneys	175,000
Workers Compensation	Statutory Limits
Chubb Insurance Company	
Supplemental Indemnity	50,000,000

#### Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators New Term Indicators

#### June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

	2016	2015	2014	
Cash	\$ 1,485,922	\$ 1,971,415	\$ 3,094,665	
Current assets	1,943,170	2,668,238	4,952,443	
Capital assets, net	1,061,355	1,119,518	0	
Total assets	3,004,525	3,787,756	4,952,443	
Current liabilities	3,255,211	2,543,894	475,645	
Total liabilities	3,255,211	2,543,894	475,645	
Net position	\$ (250,686)	\$ 1,243,862	\$ 4,476,798	
Total revenue	\$ 7,854,389	\$ 7,073,198	\$ 7,833,661	
Total expenses	(8,887,893)	(8,093,691)	(7,236,001)	
Change in net position	\$ (1,033,504)	\$ (1,020,493)	\$ 597,660	
Final average daily enrollment	438	450	454	
March 30th budgeted enrollment	454	454	454	
	2016	2015	2014	Three Year Cumulative
NEAR TERM INDICATORS:				
Current ratio	1.05	1.82	16.92	3.73
Unrestricted days cash	61.02	88.90	156.10	121.67
Enrollment variance	96%	99%	100%	101%
Default	None	None	None	None

#### Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators Sustainability Indicators

June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

	2016	2015	2014	
Cash	\$ 1,485,922	\$ 1,971,415	\$ 3,094,665	
Current assets	3,004,525	2,668,238	4,952,443	
Capital assets, net	1,061,355	1,119,518	-	
Total assets	 4,065,880	3,787,756	4,952,443	
Current liabilities	354,600	2,543,894	475,645	
Total liabilities	354,600	2,543,894	475,645	
Net position	\$ 3,711,280	\$ 1,243,862	\$ 4,476,798	
Total revenue	\$ 8,619,729	\$ 7,073,198	\$ 7,833,661	
Total expenses	(9,517,308)	(8,093,691)	 (7,236,001)	
Change in net position	\$ (897,579)	\$ (1,020,493)	\$ 597,660	
Depreciation expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Interest expense	-	-	-	
Principal payments	-	-	-	
Interest payments	-	-	-	
Final average daily enrollment	438	450	454	
March 30th budgeted enrollment	454	454	454	
	2016	2015	2014	Three Year Cumulative
SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS:				
Total margin	-10.4%	-14.4%	7.6%	-5.6%
Debt to asset	0.09	0.67	0.10	0.26
Cash flow	\$ (485,493)	\$ (1,123,250)	\$ 456,557	\$ (1,152,186)
Debt service coverage ratio	No Debt	No Debt	No Debt	No Debt

Source: Charter School Records

Single Audit Section

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

The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board of Trustees Lady Liberty Academy Charter School County of Essex Newark, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and 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 aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lady Liberty Academy Charter School ("the Charter School"), in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as of and for the 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 7, 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charter School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 matters 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 Charter School'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 Charter School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

## Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA

November 7, 2016 Newark, New Jersey

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program; Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the State of New Jersey OMB's Circular Letter 15-08

The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board of Trustees Lady Liberty Academy Charter School County of Essex, Newark, New Jersey

#### **Compliance**

We have audited the Lady Liberty Academy Charter School, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey's ("the Charter School's") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Charter School's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2016. The Charter School's major state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its state programs.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Charter School's major 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 New Jersey Department of the Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid;* and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.* 

Those standards, State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey 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 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 state program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Charter School's compliance.

#### **Opinion on Each Major State Program**

In our opinion, the Charter School 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 state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the 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 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 state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury 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 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 requirement of a 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 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 State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.* Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

## Olagbenga Olabintan, CPA

November 7, 2016 Newark, New Jersey

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#### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

#### Year ended June 30, 2016

Federal Grant/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal C.F.D.A No.	Grant Period	Award Amount	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2015	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2015	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2015	Adjustments	Carryover (Walkover) Amount		Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Years' Balances	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2016	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2016	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2016	
Special Revenue Fund: U.S. Department of Education: Passed-Through State Department of Education															
Title I Part A - FY 2015-2016	84.010A	7/1/15-6/30/16	\$ 357,286	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340,050	\$ (304,548)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,502	s -	
IDEA Part B - FY 2015-2016	84.027	7/1/15-6/30/16	98,857	-	-	-	-	-	98,857	(97,420)	-	-	1,437	-	
IDEA Preschool - FY 2015-2016	84.173	7/1/15-6/30/16	3,554	=	-	-	-	-	-	(3,554)	-	(3,554)	=	-	
Title II A - FY 2015-2016	84.367A	7/1/15-6/30/16	27,583	=	-	-	-	-	-	(27,583)	-	(27,583)	=	-	
Race-to-the-Top - FY 2011-2015	84.413A	9/1/11-11/30/15	31,789	=	-	-	=	=	5,659	(5,659)	=	=	=	-	
					-	-	=	=	=	=		=	=	-	
Title I Part A - FY 2014-2015	84.010A	7/1/14-6/30/15	352,240	(166,937)	-	-	=	=	166,937	=	=	=	=	-	
IDEA Basic - FY 2012-2015	84.027	7/1/14-6/30/15	119,290	(15,940)	-	-	-	=	15,940	=	=	-	-	=	
Title II A - FY 2012-2015	84.367A	7/1/14-6/30/15	29,413	(13,648)		-	(6,588)		20,236				-		
Total Special Revenue/U.S. Department of Educat	ion			(196,525)			(6,588)		647,679	(438,764)		(31,137)	36,939		
Enterprise Fund: U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-Through New Jersey Dept of Agriculture															
National School Lunch Program	10.555	7/1/15-6/30/16	181,667	=	-	-	-	-	168,944	(181,667)	-	(12,723)	-	=	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	7/1/14-6/30/15	185,710	(15,173)	-	-	-	-	15,173		-	-	-	=	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	7/1/15-6/30/16	70,310	-	-	-	-	-	66,036	(70,310)	-	(4,274)	-	-	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	7/1/14-6/30/15	61,732	(5,012)					5,012				=		
Total Enterprise Fund/U.S. Department of Agricul	lture			(20,185)					255,165	(251,977)		(16,997)	-		
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				\$ (216,710)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6,588)	\$ -	\$ 902,844	\$ (690,741)	\$ -	\$ (48,134)	\$ 36,939	\$ -	

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

#### Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

#### Year ended June 30, 2016

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Receivable) Revenue Gr at June at June at		Due to Grantor at June 30, 2015	Adjustments	Carryover (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Years' Balances	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2016	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2016	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2016
State Department of Education														
General Fund:														
Equalization Aid	16-495-034-5120-078	7/1/15-6/30/16	\$6,568,229	s -	\$ -	s -	s -	\$ -	\$ 6,883,165	\$ (6,568,229)	_	\$ (224,958)	\$ -	\$ 89,978
Equalization Aid	15-495-034-5120-078	7/1/14-6/30/15	6,052,543	(241,885)	Ψ -	179,188	_	Ψ -	241,885	\$ (0,500,22 <i>)</i> )	(179,188)	ψ (22 <del>1</del> ,750)	Ψ <u>-</u>	ψ 0 <i>)</i> , <i>)</i> / 0
Special Education Aid	16-495-034-5120-089	7/1/15-6/30/16	185,072	(211,005)	_	-	_	_	185,072	(185,072)	(1/2,100)	_	_	_
Security Aid	16-495-034-5120-084	7/1/15-6/30/16	252,121	=	-	-	-	-	252,121	(252,121)	=	-	-	=
TPAF/FICA Reimbursements	16-495-034-5095-002	7/1/15-6/30/16	197,071	-	-	-	-	-	179,412	(197,071)	-	(17,659)	-	=
TPAF/FICA Reimbursements	15-495-034-5095-002	7/1/14-6/30/15	232,034	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution	16-495-034-5094-001	7/1/15-6/30/16	259,200	-	-	-	=	-	259,200	(259,200)	=	=	-	-
TPAF Pension Contribution - Normal & NCGI	16-495-034-5094-006 & 007	7/1/15-6/30/16	217,684						217,684	(217,684)				
Total General Fund/State Department of Educat	ion			(241,885)		179,188			8,218,539	(7,679,377)	(179,188)	(242,617)	-	89,978
State Department of Agriculture Enterprise Fund:									-					
State school lunch program	16-100-010-3350-023	7/1/15-6/30/16	3,297	- (250)	-	-	-	-	3,075	(3,297)	=	(222)	-	=
State school lunch program  Total Enterprise Fund/State Department of Agri	15-100-010-3350-023	7/1/14-6/30/15	3,591	(279)					3,354	(3,297)		(222)		
Total Enterprise Fund/State Department of Agri	culture			(279)					3,334	(3,297)		(222)		
<b>Total State Financial Assistance</b>				\$ (242,164)	\$ -	\$ 179,188	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,221,893	(7,682,674)	\$ (179,188)	\$ (242,839)	\$ -	\$ 89,978
Less Amounts Not Subject to Single Audit: TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution TPAF Pension Contribution - Normal & NCGI										259,200 217,684				
Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Subject to Single Audit										\$ (7,205,790)				

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

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Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 1. General

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance present the activity of all expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance of the Charter School. 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.

#### 2. Basis of Accounting

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the enterprise fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the Charter School's basic financial statements. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the 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 provisions of New Jersey Department of the Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. Therefore, some amounts presented in the schedules may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

#### 3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with amounts reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements and 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 fiscal year, whereas for GAAP reporting, revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or expenditures have been made. The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis. 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 net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to GAAP basis is \$-0- for the general fund and \$-0- for the special revenue fund. See Note 1 (the Notes to Required Supplementary Information) for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds (C-3).

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#### Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements - continued

Federal awards and state financial assistance revenues are reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

	1	Federal	State	Total
General Fund	\$	-	\$ 7,679,377	\$ 7,679,377
Special Revenue Fund		438,764	-	438,764
Enterprise Fund		251,977	 3,297	 255,274
Total	\$	690,741	\$ 7,682,674	\$ 8,373,415

#### 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.

#### 5. Other Information

TPAF Social Security contribution in the amount of \$197,071 represents the amount reimbursed by the State for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The amount reported as TPAF Pension System Contributions and TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions in the amount of \$476,884 represents the amount paid by the State on behalf of the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

#### 6. On Behalf Programs Not Subject to State Single Audit

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension and Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions 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 financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

#### 7. De Minimis Indirect Cost

The Charter School has not elected to use the ten percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

# (County of Essex) Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### Part I - Summary of Auditors' Results

# Type of auditor's report issued: Internal control over financial reporting: Material weaknesses identified? Significant deficiencies identified Yes ✓ None reported Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes ✓ No

#### **Federal Awards:**

**Financial Statements Section** 

In accordance with the new 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), the audit threshold was raised from \$500,000 to \$750,000. Thus, for fiscal years ending after December 26, 2015, organizations that expend less than \$750,000 in federal awards during a year are exempt from the single audit requirement for that year.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School was determined to expend less than \$750,000 in federal awards and was therefore exempt from the federal single audit requirements for 2016.

# (County of Essex) Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### Part I Summary of Auditors' Results

#### **State Financial Assistance Section**

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B pr	rograms:	<u>\$750.</u>	000,
Auditee qualifies as low-risk auditee?	yes		_ No
Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:	<u>Unmo</u>	<u>dified</u>	
Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes		No
Significant deficiency(cies) identified?	Yes		None reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with NJ OMB Circulars 15-08 as applicable?	Yes		No
Identification of Major Programs:			
State Grant/Program Number(s)	Name of St	ate Prog	ram or Cluster
16-495-034-5120-078 16-495-034-5120-089 16-495-034-5120-084	Equalizatio Special Edu Security Ai	cation A	Aid - Cluster

(County of Essex) Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### Part II – Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

**NONE** 

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Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### Part III – Schedule of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance

**NONE** 

# (County of Essex) Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2016

**NONE** 

#### Schedule of Expenditures of Local Awards

#### Year ended June 30, 2016

Local Grantor/Program Title	Grant or Local Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Recei at J	ounts vable) June 2015	Revenue at June 30, 2015	Gı at	oue to rantor June , 2015	Adjus	tments	(Wal	yover kover) ount	Cash eceived	dgetary enditures	of Y	ayment Prior ears'	Recei	ounts ivable) June 2016	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2016	Gr at	ue to rantor June , 2016
Special Revenue Fund:																					
MCI Grant	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	\$	-	\$ 28,581	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ (28,581)	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
GEM Grant	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available		-	25,000		-		-		-	-	(3,201)		-		-	21,799		-
Victoria Grant	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available		-	46,507		-		-		-	-	(37,818)		-		-	8,689		-
NJSBAIG Grant	Not Available	7/1/15-6/30/16	\$ 1,702		-	-		-		-		-	1,702	(1,702)		-		-	-		-
Total Special Revenue Fund/Local Gran	ts			\$	-	\$ 100,088	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ (69,600)	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 30,488	\$	