# COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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November 13, 2016

Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Education
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#### Dear Commissioner:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Learning Community 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 school. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report are accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups of the school. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the 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 and list of principal officials. The financial section includes the general-purpose financial statements and schedules, as well as the auditor's report. The statistical section includes audited data from the school's first six fiscal years. The school is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the requirements of 2 CFR 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (U.S. Uniform Guidance), "Audits of State and Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations," and the State Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid Payments." Information related to this single audit, including the auditors' reports on internal control and compliance with applicable laws and regulations and findings and recommendations is included in the single audit section of this report.

1) **REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES:** Learning Community Charter School constitutes an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). All funds and account groups of the entity are included in this report.

Learning Community was chartered by The New Jersey Department of Education as one of the state's very first charter schools in January 1997. The school opened its doors to its first 98 students: 30 kindergarteners, 34 first graders, and 34 second graders in accordance with its charter. After years of sharing a space with the Boys and Girls Club, the school community was able to purchase it own building in 2009. The Learning Community served 540 K-8 students and 45 Pre-K students during the 2015-2016 school year.

- 2) **ENROLLMENT OUTLOOK:** Learning Community began the 2015-16 school year with 540 students in grades K-8 and ended the year with 540 and a waiting list of 569. The student retention rate was 94.94%. The anticipated enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is 585 students in Pre-K-8.
- 3) MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS The Learning Community Charter School (LCCS) is a small public elementary and middle school in Jersey City, New Jersey, founded by a group of parents and other community members dedicated to excellence and diversity in public education. Since its inception, the school has grown each year, as has its reputation. The desire for open spots in the school is large and the waiting list grows each year. Learning Community's goal is to offer a diverse group of Jersey City students a world-class education, and is having great success engaging inner-city children who otherwise might fall through the cracks at larger schools. LCCS does this by maintaining a small school environment with small classes (18-20) and by incorporating parents into the educational process. High expectations are maintained for all students, recognizing that children learn in different ways and at different paces. It was one of two charter schools in the state approved to run a pre-school.

During the 2015-16 school year, LCCS served a diverse population of children from every neighborhood of Jersey City. The student body is approximately 26% African-American, 34% White, 14% Hispanic, and 22% Asian. As a public school located in one of New Jersey's "Special Needs" districts, many students at LCCS come from low-income households; approximately 32% of our students are eligible for the National School Lunch Program.

The curriculum at LCCS is theme-based and incorporates the traditional disciplines of literacy, mathematics, science, social studies and the arts through an integrated curriculum over an extended period of time. Visual and performing arts are highly valued and practiced at LCCS. This thematic approach allows our teaching and our assessments to focus on the mastery of core concepts. Unit studies often culminate in presentations to parents and the entire school community. The content of the curriculum is directly aligned with the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards. The entire teaching staff is involved in ongoing curriculum planning. The teachers study and share a wide range of instructional strategies that reflect research-based principles of learning and teaching. LCCS students receive instruction in Spanish beginning in kindergarten. The school is fully networked, with all classrooms and offices having high-speed Internet access.

A social curriculum is employed throughout the grades, modeling respect for everyone in the school community, teaching character development and conflict resolution skills and encouraging community involvement on the part of the students. The school celebrates its core values - Community, Independence, Respect, Courage, Leadership and Effort - which serve as the centerpiece for weekly student CIRCLE awards and recognition.

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

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

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

5) <u>BUDGETARY CONTROLS:</u> In addition to internal accounting controls, the School maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the Board of Trustees and the State of New Jersey. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund and the special revenue fund. The final budget amount as amended for the fiscal year is reflected in the financial section.

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

- 6) ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS: The Charter Schools' accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting system of the School is organized on the basis of funds and account groups. These funds and account groups are explained in "Notes to the Financial Statements," Note 1
- 7) **FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT FISCAL YEAR END:** As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of report, the School continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. The following schedule presents a summary of the general fund and special revenue fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

Revenue	Amount	Percent of Total
Local Sources	\$1,327,952	18%
State Sources	5,592,955	69%
Federal Sources	397,536	4%
Miscellaneous Local Revenues	218,901	2%
Enterprise Fund	481,745	<u>7%</u>
_	\$8,019,089	<u>100%</u>

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

Expenditures	Amount	Percent of Total
Current Expense	\$6,371,816	78%
Special Revenue	1,232,148	15%
Enterprise Fund	522,039	<u>7%</u>
	<u>\$ 8,126,003</u>	<u>100%</u>

- 8) <u>CASH MANAGEMENT:</u> The investment policy of the School is guided in large by the state Statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statements," Note 2. The School had 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 Units from a loss of funds on deposit with failed banking institutions in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.
- 9) <u>RISK MANAGEMENT:</u> 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.

### 10) OTHER INFORMATION:

<u>Independent Audit</u> – State statutes require an annual audit by an independent Certified Public Accountant or Registered Municipal Accountant. The Accounting firm of Scott J. Loeffler, CPA was selected by the Charter School.

In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in the state statutes, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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Colin Hogan

Head of Learning Community Charter School

# ROSTER OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS JUNE 30, 2016

<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
Dr. Yasmin Meah, Board President, Parent Member	4/2018
Shelley Skinner, Founder Member, Vice President	4/2019
Colin Dunn, Community Member, Treasurer	4/2017
Toby Dowling, Board President, Founder Member – Term expired	4/2016
Achal Agarwal, Parent Member	4/2018
Mace Bell, Parent Member	4/2019
Tia Biasi, Parent Member	4/2017
Brian Uy, Parent Member	4/2017
Bertram Okpokwasili, Parent Member	4/2019
Tammy Walters, Parent Member	4/2019
Sangeeta Ranade, Community Member	4/2019
Bhavini Doshi, Community Member	4/2017
Elizabeth Brown, Community Member – Term expired	4/2016
Horace Anderson, Community Member – Term expired	4/2016
Roger Sayre, Community Member – Term expired	4/2016

# **Other Members**

Colin Hogan - Head of School

Michael Falkowski - School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Kyle Bleeker - Treasurer of School Monies

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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees Learning Community Charter School County of Hudson Jersey City, New Jersey

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

I 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 of the Learning Community Charter School, County of Hudson, 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 Learning Community 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my 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 I 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, I 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. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

### **Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Learning Community Charter School as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the year then ended in conformity 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* 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

# Supplementary and Other Information

My 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 fund financial statements and statistical tables are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a 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 fund financial statement information, and the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance 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, are the responsibility of management and such information is the responsibility of management and was 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 my opinion, the information is fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The accompanying other information such as the introductory and statistical sections has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 870

Scott J. Loeffler, CPA

November 13, 2016

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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

This section of Learning Community Charter School annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the Board's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Board's financial statements, which immediately follows this section.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2015-16 fiscal year include the following:

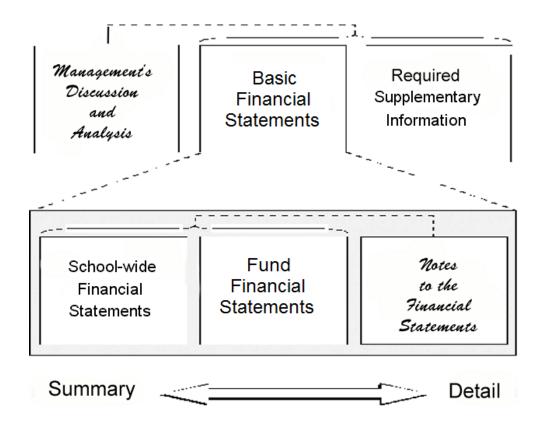
- Total Net Position was \$1,328,711 net of a total of \$1,765,864 pension adjustments.
- Total Net Position increased by \$1,778,396 from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- The General Fund balance at June 30, 2016 is \$803,306, (decreased) by (\$16,620) when compared with the beginning balance at July 1, 2015.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of the annual report consists of four parts – Independent Auditor's Report, required supplementary information that includes the management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and supplemental information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Learning Community Charter School.

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

Figure A-1. Required Components of the Board's Annual Financial Report



- The first two statements are school-wide financial statements that provide both shortterm and long-term information about the Learning Community Charter School's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Learning Community Charter School, reporting the Learning Community Charter School's operation in more detail than the school-wide statements.
- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in short term as well as what remains for future spending.
- Proprietary funds statements provide financial information about the after school program activities the Learning Community Charter School operates like businesses.

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

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide data that are more detailed. Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Learning Community Charter School's financial statements, including the portion of the Learning Community Charter School's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2 - Major Features of the School-wide and Financial Statements

	School-wide Statements	<u>Fund Financial St</u> Governmental Funds	atements Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire school (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Learning Community Charter School that are for the school operations and not proprietary or fiduciary, such as teachers' salaries, special education and building maintenance, food service, and community education	Activities the Learning Community Charter School operates similar to private businesses: Internal service fund
Required financial statements	Statement of net position	Balance sheet	Statement of net position
	Statement of activities	Statement of revenue expenditures and changes in fund balances	Statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in fund net position
Accounting Basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Statement of cash flows Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon there after; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long- term
Type of inflow/out flow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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

#### **School-wide Statements**

The school-wide statements report information about the Learning Community Charter School as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Learning Community Charter School's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two school-wide statements report the Learning Community Charter School's net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the Learning Community Charter School's assets and liabilities – are one way to measure the Learning Community Charter School's financial health or position.

In the school-wide financial statements, the Learning Community Charter School's activities are shown in two categories:

- Governmental activities- Most of the Learning Community Charter School's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, administration, food services, and community education. State aids finance most of these activities.
- Business-type activities- The Learning Community Charter School's after school program fund is included here.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Learning Community Charter School's funds – focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the Learning Community Charter School as a whole.

Funds are accounting devices the Learning Community Charter School uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

• Some funds are required by State law.

The Learning Community Charter School use other funds, established in accordance with the State of New Jersey Uniform Chart, to control and manage money for particular purposes (e.g., repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (e.g., federal funds).

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

The Learning Community Charter School has three kinds of funds:

- Governmental funds- Most of the Learning Community Charter School's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Learning Community Charter School's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the school-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements that explain the relationship (or differences) between them.
- **Proprietary funds** Services for which the Learning Community Charter School charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the school-wide statements.
- **Fiduciary funds** The Learning Community Charter School is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for assets that belong to others such as scholarship fund, payroll and payroll agency funds, and student activity funds. The Learning Community Charter School is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the Learning Community Charter School's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. I exclude these activities from the Learning Community Charter School's government-wide financial statements because the Learning Community Charter School cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

**Net Position.** The Learning Community Charter School's net position is \$1,328,711 on June 30, 2016. (See Table A-1).

Governmental	\$1,328,711
Enterprise Fund	0
Total	\$1,328,711

The Statement of Net Position of \$1,328,711 reflects total capital assets at net of assumed depreciation from inception of \$7,199,647.

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

The Learning Community Charter School's financial position is the product of these factors:

- General Fund Revenues were \$6,284,503.
- General Fund Expenditures were \$6,035,859.

# Table A-1 LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$833,466
Pension Deferred Outflows	\$421,405
Capital Assets (Including Business Activities)	7,199,647
Total Assets	\$8,454,518
Other Liabilities-Current	4,908,378
Mortgage Payable	1,898,440
Net Pension Liability	
Pension Deferred Inflows	288,829
Total Liabilities	7,095,647
Net Assets:	
Invested In Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	2,291,269
Restricted	74,000
Unrestricted	(1,036,558)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$1,328,711

Total Governmental and Business Activities revenues & beginning assets are adjusted by net adjusted expenditures resulting in a calculation of net position of \$1,328,711 on June 30, 2016 which reflects a capital reserve of \$74,000.

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

# Table A-2 LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Changes in Net Position - School Wide For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Revenues		Total	Percentage
Program revenues		\$ -	
Charges	for services		
Operatin	g grants and contributions		
General revenues			
Local Sh	nare	1,327,952	16%
State Aid	d-Unrestricted	3,578,938	45%
Federal A	Aid	397,536	5%
State Aid	d-Restricted	2,014,017	26%
Other		218,901	2%
Enterpris	se fund	481,745	6%
Tot	tal revenues	\$ 8,019,089	100%
Expenses			
Regular	Instruction	3,582,089	44%
General	Administrative	2,224,699	28%
School A	Administrative	815,441	10%
On-beha	lf TPAF Social Security	613,379	7%
Capital (	Outlay	368,356	4%
Enterpris	se Fund	522,039	7%
Tota	al expenses	\$ 8,126,003	100%
Increase in net position	n	(106,914)	
(Increase) in Net Asset	ts	185,459	
Net Position, Beginnin	ng of Year July 1	 3,016,030	_
Net Position Before Pension Adjustment		\$ 3,094,575	_
Less Pension Adjustme	ent Net	 (1,765,864)	_
Net Position		\$ 1,328,711	_

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

# Table A-3 (See Exhibit A-2) LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Net Position - School Wide For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Functions/Programs	Source	Total Cost of Services		Net Cost of Services	
Governmental Activities					
Instruction					
Regular	B-2	\$	3,582,089	\$	3,237,916
Support Services					
General Administrative Services	B-2		2,224,699		2,119,309
School Administrative Services	B-2		815,441		659,325
On-behalf TPAF Social Security	B-2		613,379		462,712
Capital Outlay	B-2		368,356		361,955
Enterprise Fund	G-2		522,039		422,564
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>		\$	8,126,003	\$	7,263,781

# FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL'S FUNDS

The financial performance of the Learning Community Charter School as a whole is reflected in its governmental activities Exhibit A-2. As the Learning Community Charter School completed the year, its General Fund reported an unrestricted fund balance of \$729,306 and capital reserve of \$74,000.

#### **GENERAL FUND**

The General Fund includes the primary operations of the Learning Community Charter School in providing educational services to students from Pre K through grade 8.

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

The following schedule presents a summary of Government Revenues. The summary reflects the dollar increase (decrease) from the prior year.

# Table A-4 (See Exhibit B-2) LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Governmental Revenues - School Wide For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

General Fund Revenues				ear Ended 06/30/2015	Amount of Increase (Decrease)		
Local Sources:							
Local Share	\$	1,327,952	\$	1,363,064	\$	(35,112)	
Other Local Revenue		587,044		576,295		10,749	
Total Local Sources	\$	1,914,996	\$	1,939,359	\$	(24,363)	
Intergovernmental							
State Sources		5,595,384		5,416,093		179,291	
Federal Revenue		508,709		295,260		213,449	
Total Intergovernmental Sources	\$	6,104,093	\$	5,711,353	\$	392,740	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$	8,019,089	\$	7,650,712	\$	368,377	

The following schedule presents a summary of Governmental expenditures. The summary reflects the dollar increase (decreases) from the prior year.

# Table A-5 (See Exhibit B-2) LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Governmental Expenditures - School Wide For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

General Fund Revenues	Year Ended 06/30/2016			ear Ended 6/30/2015	Amount of Increase (Decrease)
Current:					
Regular Instruction	\$	3,582,089	\$	3,371,003	\$ 211,086
General Administrative Services		2,224,699		2,118,545	106,154
School Administration		815,441		822,690	(7,249)
On-behalf TPAF Social Security		613,379		533,474	79,905
Capital outlay		368,356		361,955	6,401
Enterprise Fund		522,039		479,721	42,318
Total Expenditures	\$	8,126,003	\$	7,687,388	\$ 438,615

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

#### UNRESERVED-UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AS A PERCENTAGE OF EXPENDITURES

The following table shows the General Fund unreserved-undesignated fund balance.

# Table A-6 LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance - School Wide For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

General Fund	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance	729,306	836,220	850,882	652,658	544,871	517,260
Expenditures	8,126,003	7,687,388	7,263,781	6,776,353	6,541,109	5,673,674
Percentages	8%	11%	12%	10%	8%	9%

The Learning Community Charter School values its fund balances as a vehicle for addressing unbudgeted and emergent needs that occur during school year. The amount of fund balance designated to support the subsequent years budgets is \$729,306 for the 2016-17 school year with an additional Capital Reserve of \$74,000.

#### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

By the end of 2016, in the General Fund, the Learning Community Charter School had invested \$8,611,574 in a broad range of capital assets, including facilities, computer equipment, and administrative offices, etc. (More detailed information about capital assets can be found in Note 4 to the financial statements.) Total General Fund depreciation expense for the year was \$236,747.

# Table A-7 LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Net Position - School Wide For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Building, Building Improvements and Equipment	\$9,031,218
Total - General Fund	\$9,031,218
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,831,571)
Total - Net Capital Assets General Fund	\$7,199,647
Less: Mortgage Payable	(4,908,378)
Total - Net Assets	\$2,291,269

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

### FACTORS BEARING ON THE SCHOOL'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Learning Community Charter School was aware of these existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

- The State of New Jersey passed legislation which imposes a 2% cap on the underlying school District's tax levy.
- Future State Aid may be reduced due to the State's new criteria utilized in calculating allocations of State Aid.

# CONTACTING THE LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Learning Community Charter School's finances and to demonstrate the Learning Community Charter School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office, Learning Community Charter School, 2495 JFK Blvd., Jersey City, New Jersey, 07302.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
The basic financial statements provide a financial overview of the Learning Community Charter School's operations. These financial statements present the financial position and
operating results of all funds as of June 30, 2016.



### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Net Position (Deficit) As of June 30, 2016

		vernmental Activities		iness-type ctivities	Total			
ASSETS					•			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	615,833	\$	(17,900)	\$	597,933		
Receivables, net		217,633		17,900		235,533		
Capital assets, net		7,199,647				7,199,647		
Total Assets		8,033,113				8,033,113		
Deferred outflows of resources								
Pension deferred outflows		421,405				421,405		
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	8,454,518	\$	-	\$	8,454,518		
LIABILITIES								
Accounts payable		29,586		-		29,586		
Due to Jersey City Board of Education		-				-		
Payable to State government		-				_		
Deferred revenue		574				574		
Long Term Debt		4,908,378				4,908,378		
Net pension liability		1,898,440				1,898,440		
Total liabilities		6,836,978		-		6,836,978		
Deferred inflows of resources								
Pension deferred inflows		288,829				288,829		
NET POSITION								
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		2,291,269				2,291,269		
Restricted for:  Debt service								
		74,000				74,000		
Capital Reserve Other purposes		74,000				74,000		
Unrestricted (Note 17)		(1.026.559)		0		(1.026.559)		
Total net position (Deficit)	\$	(1,036,558) 1,328,711	\$		\$	(1,036,558) 1,328,711		
Total liet position (Deficit)	Ψ	1,326,711	φ		φ	1,326,711		
Fund Balance June 30, 2016 - B-1		\$803,306						
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation		2,291,269						
Net position before pension adjustments		3,094,575						
Less pension adjustments net (Deficit)		(1,765,864)						
Total net position (Deficit)		\$1,328,711						

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

#### **Statement of Activities**

# For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

			Program Revenue	es	Ch			
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities		
Governmental activities:								
Instruction:								
Regular	\$ (3,582,089)		\$ (971,329)		\$ (2,610,760)			
Support services:					-			
General administatrion	(2,224,699)		(260,819)		(1,963,880)			
School administrative services/ operations plant serv.	(815,441)		-		(815,441)			
On - behalf TPAF Social Security	(613,379)				(613,379)			
Capital Outlay	(368,356)				(368,356)			
Total governmental activities	(7,603,964)		(1,232,148)		(6,371,816)			
Business-type activities:								
Enterprise Fund		(522,039)				(522,039)		
Total business-type activities								
Total primary government	(7,603,964)	\$ (522,039)	\$ (1,232,148)		\$ (6,371,816)	\$ (522,039)		
	General revenues	3:						
		Local Share			1,327,952			
		State Share			3,578,938			
		State and Fede	eral Aid		1,379,649	113,602		
		Misccellanous	Income		18,657	368,143		
		Increase in net	assets		185,459			
	Total general rev	enues, special it		6,490,655	481,745			
	Change in	Net Position		118,839	(40,294)			
	Net Position			2,975,736	40,294			
	Net Pension Adj	ustment Exhibit		(1,765,864)	0			
	Net Position - en	ding			\$ 1,328,711	\$ -		





# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Balance Sheet Governmental Funds As of June 30, 2016

		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund	Capita Projec Fund	ets	De Ser Fu		Go	Total evernmental Funds	
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables, net Security Deposit Interfund Receivable	\$	800,503 29,233	\$	(184,670) 188,400			\$	-	\$	615,833 217,633	
Total assets	\$	829,736	\$	3,730	\$		\$		\$	833,466	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Payable to Jersey City Payable to state government	Ψ	26,430	Ψ	3,156	Ψ		Ψ	<u>-</u>	Ψ	29,586	
Deferred revenue		2 1 1 2 2		574						574	
Total liabilities Fund Balances: Reserved for: Captial Reserve		26,430 74,000		3,730				<del></del>		30,160 74,000	
Legally restricted unexpended additional spending proposal Legally restricted designated for subsequent year's expenditures Excess surplus Excess surplus designated for Subsequent year's expenditures Other purposes Unreserved, reported in: General fund		729,306						_		729,306	
Capital projects fund Permanent fund		727,300								723,300	
Total Fund balances	-	803,306						_		803,306	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	829,736	\$	3,730	\$		\$			,	
	(A-1) Capita and the	are different  I assets used  erefore are n  e accumulate  erm liabilitie	in go ot reped dep	use: vernmental accorted in the fu	etivities are ands. The co Net Capit	not finost of tal Ass	nancial r the asset ets d payabl	e in the	=	9,031,218 (1,831,571) 7,199,647 (4,908,378)	
	-		•	ion adjustmer							3,094,575
	Liabili	ty measuren	nent d	ate and other	deferred ite	ms are	not cur	to the Net Pensi rent financial (See Note 5)	on		421,405
	in actu	al returns an	ıd assı		and other d			ence and different are not reported			(288,829)
	curren	period and		cluding net pe fore are not re				e and payable in funds	the		(1.000.440)
	(See N	ote 5)									(1,898,440)
	Net po	sition of gov	vernm	ental activitie	S						\$ 1,328,711

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

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

# For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

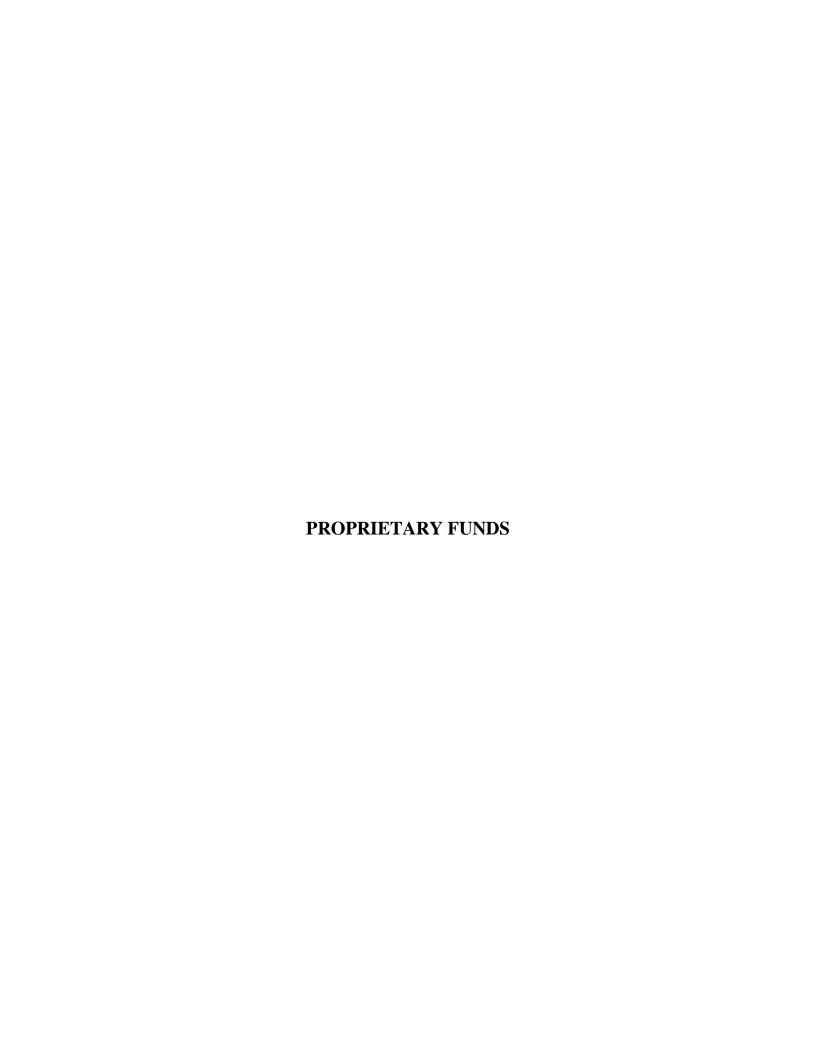
	General Fund		Special Revenue Fund		Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds		
REVENUES									
Local sources:									
Local Share	\$	1,327,952	\$	_			\$	1,327,952	
State Share		3,578,938		_				3,578,938	
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues		, ,						, ,	
Miscellaneous		18,657		200,244				218,901	
Total - Local Sources		4,925,547		200,244				5,125,791	
State Sources		1,379,649		634,368				2,014,017	
Federal Sources		-,-,-,-,-		397,536				397,536	
Total Revenues		6,305,196		1,232,148				7,537,344	
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
Regular instruction	\$	2,610,760	\$	971,329			\$	3,582,089	
Support services- General Administrative	-	1,963,880	_	260,819			_	2,224,699	
Support Services - School Admin/ operations plant se	:	815,441		200,019				815,441	
On-behalf TPAF Social Security/Pension		613,379						613,379	
Capital outlay		368,356						368,356	
cupital sullay		200,220						200,220	
Total expenditures		6,371,816	_	1,232,148				7,603,964	
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues									
over expenditures		(66,620)						(66,620)	
over experiences		(00,020)						(00,020)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in		100,000						100,000	
Transfers out		(100,000)						(100,000)	
Total other financing sources and uses		0						0	
Net change in fund balances		(66,620)						(66,620)	
Fund balance - July 1, 2015		795,926						795,926	
Fund balance - June 30, 2016	\$	729,306					\$	729,306	

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

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

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (from B-2 and G-2)	G	ENERAL FUND	EN'	TERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:	\$	(66,620)	\$	(40,294)	\$ (106,914)
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 in the period. Decrease in Capital Outlay  Depreciation expense  (236,747)		(185,459)		-	(185,459)
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, administrative 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.					
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(252,079)	\$	(40,294)	\$ (292,373)

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



#### Exhibit B-4

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Net Position

Proprietary Funds
As of June 30, 2016

	A	Business-type Activities Enterprise funds	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	(17,760)	
Investments			
Accounts receivable		8,346	
Other receivables		9,414	
Total current assets			
Total assets		-	
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable		-	
Deposits payable			
Compensated absences			
Total current liabilities			
Total liabilities			
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets net of			
related debt			
Restricted for:			
Capital projects			
Unrestricted			
Total net position	\$	-	

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

#### Exhibit B-5

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Funds

#### For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

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Operating revenues:		
Charges for services:		
Daily Fees	\$	368,206
Special functions	Ψ	200,200
Total operating revenues		368,206
Operating expenses:		
Salaries		193,266
Building Expense		
Supplies, Materials and Other Expenses		328,773
Professional Services		0
Total Operating Expenses		522,039
Operating income (loss)		(153,833)
Income (loss) before contributions & transfers		
Capital contributions		112 520
Federal and State Subsidy		113,539
Total Change in not assets		113,539
Change in net assets		(40,294)
Total net position - beginning		40,294
Transfer to general fund	Ф.	0
Total net position - ending	\$	

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

**Business-type** 

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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

	Ento Af	Activities erprise Funds ter School Program
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from customers	\$	368,143
Payments to employees and benefits		
Payments to suppliers		(522,039)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities		(153,896)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State and Federal Sources		182,711
Capital Contributions		
Net cash provided by (used for) non-capital financing activities		182,711
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase In Fixed Assets		
Transfer to General fund		
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		28,815
Cash Balances—beginning of year		(46,575)
Cash Balances—end of year	\$	(17,760)
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided		
(used) by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$	(40,294)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by		
(used for) operating activities		
Depreciation and net amortization		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net		69,109
(Increase) decrease in inventories		
(Increase) decrease in USDA Commonities		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		-
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences		60.100
Total adjustments	<u></u>	69,109
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	<u> </u>	28,815

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



#### Exhibit B-7

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds As of June 30, 2016

NOT APPLICABLE

#### Exhibit B-8

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

NOT APPLICABLE



# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

Learning Community Charter School (the "Charter School") was incorporated in the State of New Jersey in 2002 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 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 Learning Community 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 charter school to serve as a neighborhood resource and as a model for other similar schools. The Learning Community Charter School is committed to achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and producing high academic achievement by all students.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of Learning Community 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 Learning Community 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.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board publication, <u>Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards</u>, Section 2100, "Defining the Financial Reporting Entity" establishes standards to determine whether a governmental component unit should be included in the financial reporting entity.

The basic criterion for inclusion or exclusion from the financial reporting entity is the exercise of oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency and a resulting financial benefit or burden relationship, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. In addition, certain legally separate, tax-exempt entities that meet specific criteria (i.e. benefit of economic resources, access/entitlement to economic resources and significances) should be included in the financial reporting entity. The combined financial statements include all funds of the school over which the Board exercises operating control. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the School is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

#### 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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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.

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:

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

**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.

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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)</u>

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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)</u>

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 position) 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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)</u>

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.

#### 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 Receivable/Payable. interfund balances within governmental activities and within business-type activities are eliminated on the Government Wide Statements of Net Position.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)</u>

#### **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. The following estimated useful lives are used to compute depreciation:

<b>Description of Capital Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Lives (Years)</b>
Building and building improvements	25
Equipment	10

#### 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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

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 represents funds which have been received but not yet earned.

There is no deferred revenue in the general fund.

Special Revenue – deferred revenue to be utilized in 2015-2016.

Other \$574

#### 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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)</u>

#### L Fund Balance and Equity

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.

#### **M** 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.

#### N On-Behalf Payments

Revenues and expenditures of the General Fund include payments 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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### O Net Position

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the Learning Community Charter School that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the Learning Community Charter School that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Learning Community Charter School did not have any deferred inflows or outflows of resources at June 30, 2016.

Net position is displayed in three components - net investment in capital assets; restricted and unrestricted.

The net investment in capital assets component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also would be included in this component of net position.

The restricted component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

#### P New Accounting Standards (continued)

During the prior fiscal year 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.

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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 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 Federa74l 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:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Enterprise Funds	Total
Operating A/C	\$800,503	(\$184,670)	(\$17,900)	\$597,933

Operating cash accounts are held in the Charter School's name by one banking institution. At June 30, 2016, the Charter School's bank balance was \$597,933.

Of the bank balance, \$250,000 of the Charter School's cash deposits on June 30, 2016 were secured by federal deposit insurance and \$347,933 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:

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 3 <u>DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)</u>

#### 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.

#### 4 <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

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

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 4 <u>CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)</u>

	Beginning		Ending
	Balance	<b>Net Additions</b>	Balance
	<b>July 1, 2015</b>	(Deletions)	June 30, 2016
Governmental Activities			
Capital assets, being depreciated:			
Building and building improvements	\$8,272,973	\$419,644	\$8,692,617
Equipment	338,601		338,601
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$8,611,574	\$419,644	\$9,031,218
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Equipment	\$129,802	\$20,973	\$150,775
Building and building improvements	1,468,304	212,492	1,680,796
Total accumulated depreciation	\$1,598,106	\$233,465	\$1,831,571
Total capital assets net	\$7,013,468	\$186,179	\$7,199,647

## 5 PENSION PLANS

<u>Description of Plans</u> - All required employees of the Charter School are covered by either the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund which have been established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefits (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 Retirement System and the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pension and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625 or on the internet at http://www.state.nj .us/treasury/pensions/annrprts.shtrnl.

<u>Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)</u> - 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 retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, 100% of employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the Charter School and the system's 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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

<u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> - 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 Pensions

The employer contributions for the Charter Schools 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 nonemployer 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. However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School was measured on June 30, 2015 was \$16,043,048 and \$12,906,073 as measured on June 30, 2014.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$979,573 and revenue of \$979,573 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 is based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, the Learning Community Charter School is not required to recognize a net pension liability for TPAF. The State of New Jersey is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to TPAF on behalf of the Learning Community Charter School Accordingly, the Learning Community Charter School proportionate share percentage determined under Statement No. 68 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of the net pension liability attributable to the Learning Community Charter School for TPAF. Therefore; in addition, the Learning Community Charter School does not recognize any portion of the TPAF.

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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

	<u>6/30/2014</u>	6/30/2015
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$2,306,623,861	\$7,521,378,257
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$1,763,205,593	\$554,399,005
Collective net pension liability (Nonemployer- State of New Jersey)	\$53,446,745,367	\$63,204,270,305
State's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School as a percentage		
of the collective net pension liability	.024148%	.025382%

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, 2014. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation: 2.5%

Salary Increases: Varies based on experience

Investment Rate of Return: 7.90%

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.

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 - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments 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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2014 are summarized in the following table:

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

## 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

Assets Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real 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%
Foreing-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%
Hedge Funds - Equity Hedge	4.00%	5.68%
Hedge Funds - Distressed	4.00%	4.30%

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 3.8% 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 pay.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

Sensitivity of the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. Since the Charter School 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-tpafl5.pdf">http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/pdf/financial/gasb68-tpafl5.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>

<u>Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)</u> - The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) was established as of January 1, 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. 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, school district, 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.

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 Pensions

At June 30, 2016, the Charter School a liability of \$1,898,440 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. .008457%, which was a decrease of (.001631%) from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$72,708. At June 30, 2016, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$45,290	\$
Changes of assumptions	203,877	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		30,523
Changes in proportion and differences between Charter School contributions and proportionate share of contributions		390,882
Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date.	39,962	
Total	\$289,129	\$421,405

\$39,962 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the 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 Ended June 30:
2016	72,849
2017	72,849
2018	72,849
2019	109,355
2020	61,805
Thereafter	
Total:	\$389,707

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

## 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

	6/30/14	6/30/15
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$952,194,675	\$3,578,755,666
Collective deferred inflows of resources Collective net pension liability (Non State- Local	\$1,479,224,662 \$18,722,735,003	\$993,410,455 \$22,447,996,119
Group) Charter schools proportion of net pension liability	1,888,704	1,898,440
Charter School proportion percentage	.010088%	.008457%

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the July l, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation 3.04%

Salary Increases:

2012-2012 2.12%-4.40% based on age Thereafter 3.15%-5.40% based on age

Investment Rate of Return 7.90%

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

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

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments 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. 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:

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Assets Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real 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%

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 3.8% 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, calculated using the discount rate of 4.9% and 5.39%, 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 (4.39%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.39%) than the current rate:

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

## 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

	1% Decrease (3.90%)	Current Discount Rate (4.90%)	1% Increase (5.90%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$2,285,912	\$1,898,440	\$1,510,968

*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>.

The sensitivity analysis was based on the proportionate share of the Charter School's net pension liability at June 30, 2015. A sensitivity analysis specific to the Charter School's net pension liability was not provided by the pension system.

<u>Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCRP)</u> - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established as of July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-l et seq.). The DCRP is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund. The DCRP provides eligible members, and their beneficiaries with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting and benefit provisions are established by N. J.S.A. 43:15C-l et. seq.

The contribution requirements of plan members are determined by state statute. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. The State Treasurer has the right under current law to make temporary reductions in member rates based on the existence of surplus plan assets in the retirement system; however statute also requires the return to the normal rate when such surplus pension assets no longer exist.

PERS and TPAF Vesting and Benefit Provisions - The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and 43.38, and N.J.S.A. 18A:6C for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirement benefits for age and service are available at age 60 and are generally determined to be 1/60 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 members who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

The TPAF and PERS provides for specified medical benefits for members 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 members' accounts.

<u>Significant Legislation</u> - Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, effective June 28, 2011, made various changes to the manner in which the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) operate and to the benefit provisions of those systems.

Chapter 78's provisions impacting employee pension and health benefits include:

New members of the PERS hired on or after June 28, 2011 (Tier 5 members) will need 30 years of creditable service and age 65 for receipt of the early retirement benefit without a reduction of ¼ of 1% for each month that the member is under age 65. The eligibility age to qualify for a service retirement in the PERS is increased from age 63 to 65 for Tier 5 members. The annual benefit under special retirement for new PFRS members enrolled after June 28, 2011 (Tier 3 members), will be 60% instead of 65% of the member's final compensation plus 1% for each year of creditable service over 25 years but not to exceed 30 years. Increases in active member contribution rates. PERS active member rates increase from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years; PFRS active member rate increase from 8.5% to 10%. For fiscal year 2012, the member contribution rates increased in October 2011. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rates for PES members will take place in July of each subsequent fiscal year.

The payment of automatic cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) additional increases to current and future retirees and beneficiaries is suspended until reactivated as permitted by this law. New employee contribution requirements towards the cost of employer-provided health benefit coverage. Employees are required to contribute a certain percentage of the cost of coverage. The rate of contribution is determined based on the employee's annual salary and the selected level of coverage. The increased employee contributions will be phased in over a 4-year period for those employed prior to Chapter 78's effective date with a minimum contribution required to be at least 1.5% of salary. In addition, this new legislation changes the method for amortizing the pension systems' unfunded accrued liability (from a level percent of pay method to a level dollar of pay).

<u>Contribution Requirements</u> - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43: 15A, Chapter 62, P.L. of 1994, Chapter 115, P.L. of 1997 (PERS) and N.J.S.A. 18:66 (TPAF) requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. TPAF and PERS provide for employee contributions of 6.5% of employees' annual compensation, as defined. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in both TPAF and PERS. The current TPAF rate is 6.5% and the PERS rate is 6.5% of covered payroll

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the State of New Jersey did contribute \$426,589 to the TPAF for post-retirement benefits on behalf of the Charter School. Also, in accordance with NJ.S.A. 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$186,790 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 PERS amounts have been included in the fund-based statements as pension expense and the TPAF on-behalf amounts have been included in fund-based statements as revenues and expenditures. The PERS and TPAF amounts have been modified and included in the Charter School's financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement No. 68.

#### 6 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 prefunding 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 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 2014.

#### 7 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.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### **7 COMPENSATED ABSENCES (continued)**

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

#### 8 <u>DEFERRED COMPENSATION</u>

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

#### 9 <u>ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY</u>

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.

#### 10 <u>CONTINGENT LIABILITIES</u>

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 that there is no litigation, pending litigation claims, contingent liabilities, unasserted claims for assessments or statutory violations which involved the Charter School and which might materially affect the Charter School's financial position.

#### 11 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.

**Property and Liability Insurance -** The Charter School maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section (UNAUDITED) of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 12 **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 intergovernmental receivables are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	Special <u>Revenue</u>	Enterprise Fund Service	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:				
Accounts	<u>\$29,233</u>	<u>\$188,400</u>	<u>\$17,900</u>	<u>\$235,533</u>
Gross Receivables	<u>\$29,233</u>	<u>\$188,400</u>	<u>\$17,900</u>	<u>\$235,533</u>

#### 13 LONG TERM DEBT

In accordance with the note agreements, the school is subject to certain loan covenants. The school was in compliance with its loan covenants at June 30, 2016.

The amounts and terms of the notes are as follows:

Subordinate Note payable - Balloon payment due April 25, 2016. Interest only, payable monthly at a fixed rate of 1.9991% per annum.  Subordinate Note payable - maturing April 25, 2044. Interest only, payable monthly at a fixed rate of 1.9991% per annum until April 25,2016 and a fixed rate of 5.4931% per thereafter until maturity.  1,457,250  Total debt outstanding at June 30, 2015  Less: Amounts of debt repaid on April 28, 2016 with proceeds of new loan  (4,840,750)  (201,000)  Less: Debt forgiven on subordinate note payable  Subtotal  Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc.  4,916,000  Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs  (\$7,622)  Amounts outanding at June 30, 2016	Senior Note payable - Balloon payment due April 25, 2016. Interest only, payable monthly at a fixed rate of 6.69% per annum.	\$4,840,750
fixed rate of 1.9991% per annum until April 25,2016 and a fixed rate of 5.4931% per thereafter until maturity.  Total debt outstanding at June 30, 2015  Less: Amounts of debt repaid on April 28, 2016 with proceeds of new loan  (4,840,750)  (201,000)  Less: Debt forgiven on subordinate note payable  Subtotal  Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc.  4,916,000  Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs  (\$7,622)		201,000
Total debt outstanding at June 30, 2015  Less: Amounts of debt repaid on April 28, 2016 with proceeds of new loan  (4,840,750) (201,000)  Less: Debt forgiven on subordinate note payable  Subtotal  Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc.  4,916,000  Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs  (\$7,622)		
Less: Amounts of debt repaid on April 28, 2016 with proceeds of new loan  (4,840,750) (201,000)  Less: Debt forgiven on subordinate note payable  (1,457,250)  Subtotal  Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc.  4,916,000  Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs  (\$7,622)	thereafter until maturity.	1,457,250
Less: Debt forgiven on subordinate note payable (1,457,250) Subtotal 0  Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc. 4,916,000 Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs (\$7,622)	Total debt outstanding at June 30, 2015	\$6,499,000
Less: Debt forgiven on subordinate note payable  Subtotal  Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc.  4,916,000  Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs  (\$7,622)	Less: Amounts of debt repaid on April 28, 2016 with proceeds of new loan	(4,840,750)
Subtotal 0  Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc. 4,916,000  Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs (\$7,622)		(201,000)
Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc. 4,916,000  Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs (\$7,622)	Less: Debt forgiven on subordinate note payable	(1,457,250)
Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs (\$7,622)	Subtotal	0
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Add: New promissory note issued April 28, 2016 with Reinvestment Fund, Inc.	4,916,000
Amounts outanding at June 30, 2016 \$4,908,378	Less: Payments and application of capital reserves, net of closing costs	(\$7,622)
	Amounts outanding at June 30, 2016	\$4,908,378

The loan is a fixed rate based upon a 25 year treasury rate at closing plus 330 basis points. Term of 25 years, monthly payments of principal and interest.

# Notes to the Basic Financial Statements For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

#### 14 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The school has evaluated subsequent events occurring in the Independent Auditors Report of November 13, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the school has determined no subsequent events require disclosure in the financial statements.

#### 15 RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

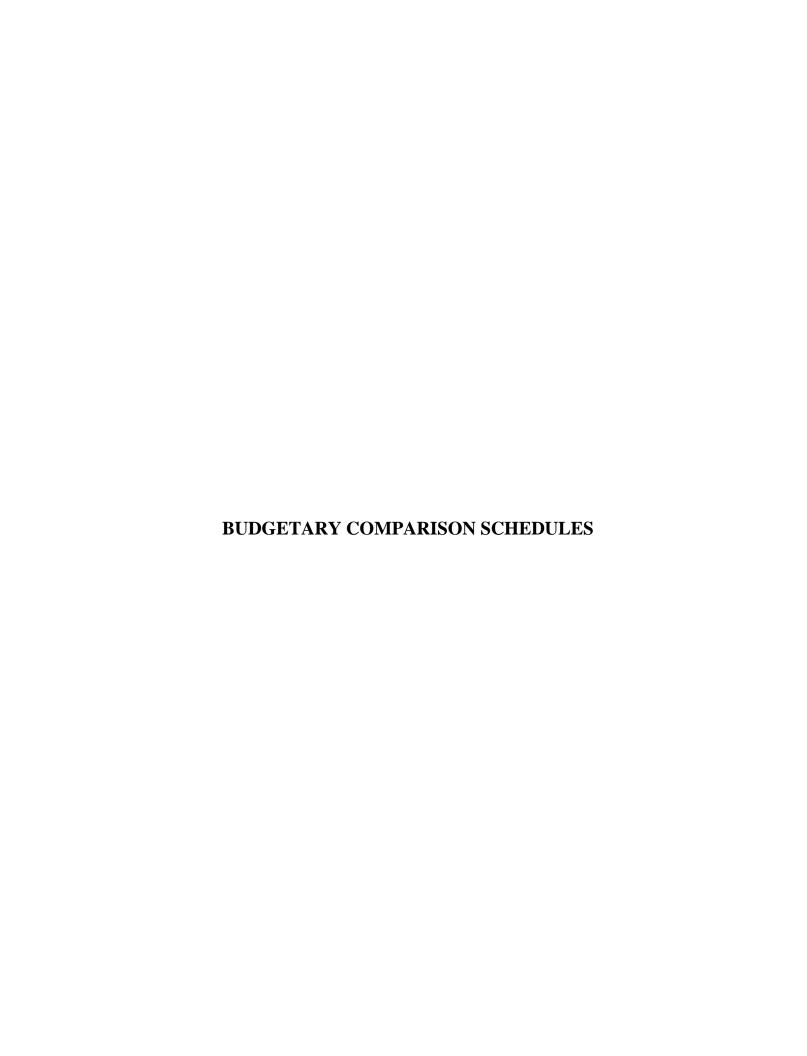
Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet (B-1) and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position (A-1).

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:

Net position (per A-1) as of June 30, 2016	\$1,328,711
Deferred pension liability as of June 30, 2016	(1,898,440)
Pension deferred inflows	(288,829)
Pension deferred outflows	421,405
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	2,291,269
Fund balance per B-1	\$803,306

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PART II



# Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund

# For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUES:					
Local Sources:					
Local Share	\$ 1,300,593	\$ 27,359	\$ 1,327,952	\$ 1,327,952	-
State Share	3,505,206	73,732	\$ 3,578,938	3,578,938	-
Miscellaneous	-	13,397	13,397	18,657	(5,260)
Total - Local Sources	4,805,799	114,488	4,920,287	4,925,547	(5,260)
Categorical Aid	128,658	10,855	139,513	139,513	
Adjustment Aid	520,560	(72,362)	448,198	448,198	-
Preschool Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Non Public Aid	-		-	-	-
Special Education	231,540	(52,981)	178,559	178,559	-
TPAF Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	-		-	194,725	(194,725)
TPAF Pension (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	-		-	231,864	(231,864)
TPAF Social Security (Reimbursed - Non-Budgeted)			-	186,790	(186,790)
Total State Sources	880,758	(114,488)	766,270	1,379,649	(613,379)
Federal Sources:	'				
Impact Aid					
Medical Assistance Program					
Total - Federal Sources					
Total Revenues	5,686,557		5,686,557	6,305,196	(618,639)
EXPENDITURES:					
Current Expense:					
Regular Programs - Instruction					
Teachers Salary	\$ 1,963,911	25,049	1,988,960	1,988,960	\$ -
Other Salaries	373,692	(95,473)	278,219	278,219	-
Prof/Tech Services	67,500	27,664	95,164	95,164	-
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	160,000	(24,449)	135,551	135,551	-
General Supplies	100,000	(39,207)	60,793	60,793	-
Textbooks	15,000	(5,477)	9,523	9,523	-
Other Objects	35,000	7,550	42,550	42,550	
TOTAL REGULAR PROGRAMS - INSTRUCTION	2,715,103	(104,343)	2,610,760	2,610,760	

# Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Support Services - General Administrative					
Salaries of Administative Salaries	460,492	25,128	485,620	485,620	-
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	119,684	(11,215)	108,469	108,469	-
Cost of Benefits	1,121,400	5,662	1,127,062	1,098,942	28,120
Consultants	71,000	65,517	136,517	136,517	-
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	38,200	23,887	62,087	62,087	-
Communications/Telephone	25,000	(8,663)	16,337	16,337	-
Supplies and Materials	37,500	2,357	39,857	39,857	-
Other Objects	10,000	6,051	16,051	16,051	=
	1,883,276	108,724	1,992,000	1,963,880	28,120
Support Services - School Admin/Operation Plant Services		_			
Salaries	241,378	(38,459)	202,919	202,919	-
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	238,000	16,673	254,673	254,673	-
Other Purchased Services	-	-	-	-	-
Rental of Land and Building- other than Lease Purchase Agreements	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	75,000	(17,031)	57,969	57,969	-
General Supplies	139,000	22,614	161,614	161,614	-
Transportation- Trips	25,000	5,220	30,220	30,220	-
Energy (Energy and Electricity)	-	-	-	-	-
Other Objects	6,800	101,246	108,046	108,046	-
Total Undist. Expend Other Oper. & Maint. Of Plant	725,178	90,263	815,441	815,441	-
Food Service					
Other Purchsed Saevices					-
Total Food Services		-	-		
On-behalf TPAF Medical Contributions (non-budgeted)				194,725	(194,725)
On-behalf TPAF pension Contributions (non-budgeted)				231,864	(231,864)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (non-budgeted)				186,790	(186,790)
TOTAL ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS	-		-	613,379	(613,379)
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES					
	2,608,454	198,987	2,807,441	3,392,700	(585,259)
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE	5,323,557	94,644	5,418,201	6,003,460	(585,259)

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

# (Unaudited)

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	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Equipment					
Regular Programs - Instruction:			-		
Building Purchase other lease purchase	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities Acquistion & Construction		-	-	-	-
InterestExpense	363,000	(53,891)	309,109	309,109	-
Instructional Equipment	-		-	-	-
Non-Instructional Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Reserve		59,247	59,247	59,247	
Total Equipment	363,000	5,356	368,356	368,356	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES- GENERAL FUND	5,686,557	100,000	5,786,557	6,371,816	(585,259)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		-	-	(66,620)	(33,380)
Other Financing Sources: Operating Transfer In:		(100,000)	(100,000)		100,000
Total Other Financing Sources:		(100,000)	(100,000)		1,000,000
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	(100,000)	(100,000)	(66,620)	66,620
Fund Balance, July 1, 2015	-	-	795,926	795,926	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2016	\$ -	\$ (100,000)	\$ 695,926	\$ 729,306	\$ 66,620

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# Budgetary Comparison Schedule Special Revenue Fund

# For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUES:					
Federal Sources	\$ 397,536		\$ 397,536	\$ 397,536	
State Sources	634,368		634,368	634,368	
Misc. Sources	200,244		200,244	200,244	
Total Revenues	1,232,148		1,232,148	1,232,148	
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	516,494		516,494	516,494	
Other Salaries for Instruction	126,466		126,466	126,466	
Purchased Professional -Educational Services	76,285		76,285	76,285	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	-		-	-	
Travel	-		-	-	
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	-		-	-	
General Supplies	35,933		35,933	35,933	
Personal Services- Employee Benefits	211,952		211,952	211,952	
Building Improvements	-		-	-	
Miscellaneous Expense	4,199		4,199	4,199	
Total Instruction	971,329		971,329	971,329	
Support Services					
Salaries of Supervisor of Instruction	7,600		7,600	7,600	
Salaries of Master Teacher	-		-	-	
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	-		-	-	
Salaries of Secretaries & Clerical Assistants	26,713		26,713	26,713	
Other Salaries	73,700		73,700	73,700	
Travel	-		-	-	
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	2,000		2,000	2,000	
Other Purchased Services	-		-	-	
Contracted Services	-		-	-	
Supplies and Materials	-		-	-	
Other Objects	-		-	-	
Cleaning, Repairs and Maintenance	70,200		70,200	70,200	
Field Trips	5,363		5,363	5,363	
Equipment-	-		-	-	
Construction Services	75,243		75,243	75,243	
Total Support Services	260,819		260,819	260,819	

### Budgetary Comparison Schedule Special Revenue Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Buildings Improvements Instructional Equipment Noninstructional Equipment Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					
Transfer to Charter School					
Total Expenditures	1,232,148		1,232,148	1,232,148	
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfer in from General Fund Transfer Out to Whole School Reform (General Fund)					
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Total Outflows					
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)					

# NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Note to RSI
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
(Unaudited)

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

The general fund budget and the special revenue budget basis are GAAP, therefore no reconciliation is required

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - PERS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30\*

# Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.008457	0.010088	0.011088%
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	1,898,440	2,119,218	1,888,704
Charter School Covered employee payroll	\$700,032	\$695,324	\$649,704
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a			
percentage of its covered-employee payroll	271.2%	304.8%	290.7%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	36.90%	32.81%	34.40%

<sup>\*</sup>Until a full ten year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years for which the information is available.

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - PERS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30\*

# Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$72,708	\$133,371	102.576
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(72,708)	(133,371)	-102.576
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0	0.000
Charter School Covered employee payroll	700,032	649,704	695
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	10.40%	20.53%	14.75%

<sup>\*</sup>Until a full ten year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years for which the information is available.

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY - TPAF FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

# Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)**	N/A	N/A	N/A
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability			
(asset) associated with the Charter School	16,043,048	10,407,340	12,906,073
Total	16,043,048	10,407,340	12,906,073
Charter School Covered employee payroll	2,591,218	2,509,080	2,249,526
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) 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	16.20%	24.11%	17.43%

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PENSION SCHEDULES FOR THE FISCAL 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.

# **Teachers' 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. Preretirement 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.

# SPECIAL REVENUE FUND Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of special revenue resources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

# Special Revenue Fund

# Combining Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures- Budgetary Basis

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,2016

		IDEA	IDEA					Friends
		PART	Preschool	TITLE	TITLE	Preschool	Turrell	of
	 TOTAL	B-Basic		I	II	<b>Education Aid</b>	Fund	LCCS
REVENUES								
Intergovernmental								
Federal	\$ 397,536	110,874	1,432	271,740	13,490			
State Sources	634,368					634,368		
Miscellaneous	 200,244					-	11,844	188,400
Total Revenues	1,232,148	110,874	1,432	271,740	13,490	634,368	11,844	188,400
EXPENDITURES								
Instruction								
Salaries	516,494	87,995	1,136	219,368	-	176,545		31,450
Other Instructional Salaries	126,466	-	-	-	-	126,466	-	-
Other Purchased Services	-	-	-			-		62,795
Purchased Prof. and Tech.and Edu Services	76,285	-	-		13,490	-		
General Supplies	35,933	-	-	10,000		14,089	11,844	-
Support Services	-					-		
Textbooks	-							
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	211,952	22,879	296	42,372		146,405		
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,199			-		4,199		
Total Instruction	971,329	110,874	1,432	271,740	13,490	467,704	11,844	94,245
Support Services								
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction	7,600					7,600		
Salaries of Master Teachers	-					-		
Other Salaries	73,700					73,700		
Salaries of Clerical	26,713					26,713		
Purchases Professional Sves	-					-		
Other Purchased Services	2,000					2,000		
Cleaning , Repairs, and Maintenance Services	70,200					-		70,200
Contracted Services	-					-		
Supplies and Materials	-					-		
Travel	-					-		
Equipment -Non- instructional	-							
Community Specialist	-					-		
Transportation-Field Trips	5,363					5,363		
Capital Improvements	 75,243					51,288		23,955
Total Support Services	260,819		-	-	-	166,664	-	94,155
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,232,148	110,874	1,432	271,740	13,490	634,368	11,844	188,400

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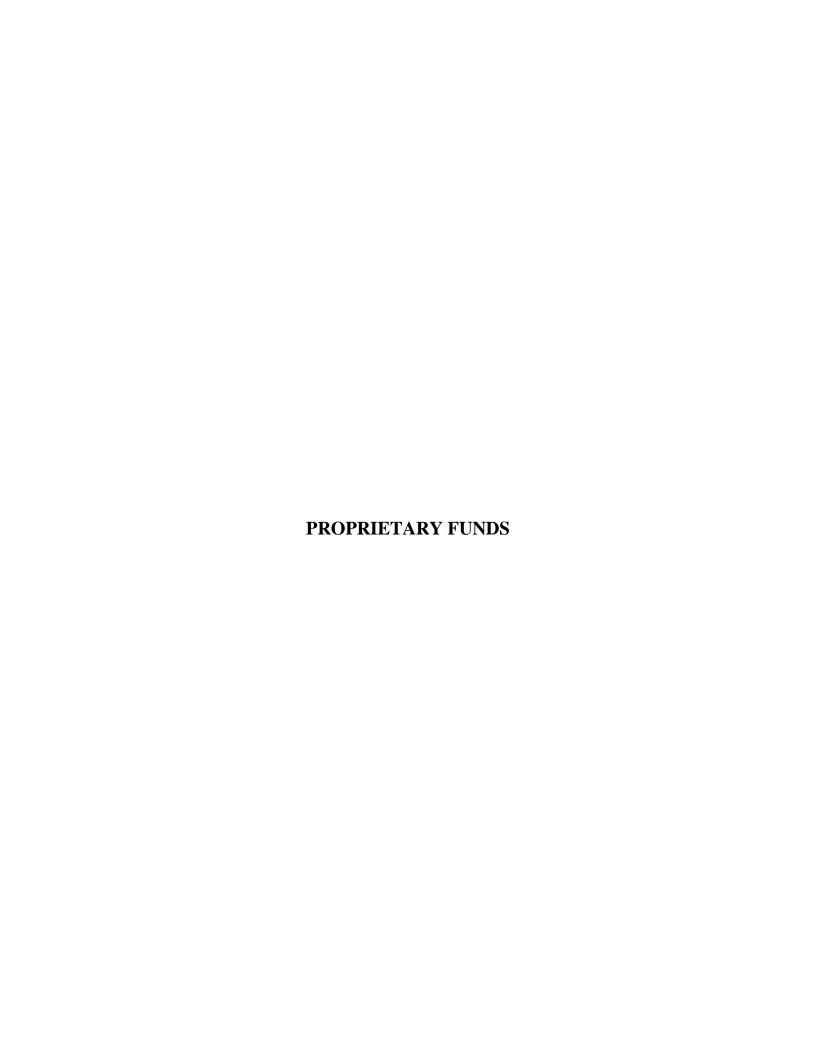
# Budgetary Comparison Schedule Preschool Education Aid

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Available
REVENUES:					
State Sources	676,177	(41,809)	634,368	634,368	
Total Revenues	676,177	(41,809)	634,368	634,368	
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	207,936	(31,391)	176,545	176,545	-
Other Salaries for Instruction	97,047	29,419	126,466	126,466	-
Purchased Professional -Educational Services	-	-	-	-	-
General Supplies	-	14,086	14,086	14,086	-
Personal Services- Employee Benefits	-		-	-	-
Miscellaneous Expenses		3,607	3,607	3,607	
Total Instruction	304,983	15,721	320,704	320,704	-
Support Services					
Salaries of Supervisor of Instruction	-	7,600	7,600	7,600	-
Salaries of Nurse	-		-	-	-
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	58,151	15,549	73,700	73,700	-
Salaries of Secretaries & Clerical Assistants	-	26,713	26,713	26,713	-
Salaries Master Teacher	-	-	-	-	-
Personal Services- Employee Benfits	231,946	(85,541)	146,405	146,405	
Travel	-	-	-	-	-
Field Trips	-	5,363	5,363	5,363	-
Other Purchased Services -Education Services	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
Construction Services	-	51,288	51,288	51,288	-
Other Objects	-	595	595	595	-
EquipmentInstructional	78,097	(78,097)	-	-	-
Equipment- Non-Instructional	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-
Total Support Services	371,194	(57,530)	313,664	313,664	-
Buildings Improvements					
Instructional Equipment					
Noninstructional Equipment					
<b>Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services</b>					
Transfer to Charter School					
Total Expenditures	676,177	(41,809)	634,368	634,368	-

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Budgetary Comparison Schedule **Preschool Education Aid** For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Deferred Revenue
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Transfer in from General Fund Transfer Out to Whole School Reform (General Fund)					
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>					
Total Outflows					
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)					



# **ENTERPRISE FUND**

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the cost of providing goods and services be financed through user charges or where the board has decided that periodical determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

# Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Business	Business	Business	
	Type	Type	Type	
	Activities	Activities	Activities	Total
	Enterprise	Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	
	Food	Before School	After School	Enterprise
ASSETS	Program	Program	Program	Funds
Current Assets				
Cash	(\$13,074)	0	(4,686)	(\$17,760)
Intergovernmental Receivable				0
Federal	8,167			8,167
State	179			179
Accounts Receivable	4,728	0	4,686	9,414
Total Current Assets	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	0	0	0	0
LIABILITIES				_
Cash Overdraft				
Accounts Payable	0	0	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0
				0
Net Position				0
Unrestricted	0	0	0	0
Invested in capital assets net of related debt				0
Total Net Position			0	0
- -	\$0	0	0	\$0

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Fund

# For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Busin	ess Business	Business	
Турс	e Type	Type	
Activi		Activities	Total
Enterprise		Enterprise Fund	
	rvice Enterprise Fu		Enterprise
<u>Fun</u>	d Before-Schoo	ol Program	Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Local Sources			
Daily Fees \$71	,893 \$6,0	99 \$290,214	\$368,206
Total Operating Revenues 71	,893 6,0	99 290,214	368,206
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits 43,	.016 11,26	138,981	193,266
Supplies, Materials & Other 177,	540	151,233	328,773
Professional Services			
Total Operating Expenses 220.	556 11,26	9 290,214	522,039
220,	.556 11,26	9 290,214	522,039
Income (Loss) From Operations (148)	(5,17	0) 0	(153,833)
Nonoperating Revenues			
State Sources			
State Sources 2,	414		2,414
Federal Sources			
School Breakfast Program 15,	512		15,512
National School Lunch Program 95,	613		95,613
Board Subsidy			
Total Nonoperating Revenues 113.	539	0 0	113,539
Net Income (Loss) (35,	.124) (5,17	(0)	(40,294)
Interaccount Transfers	0	0 0	0
Total Net Position - Beginning of Year 35.	.124 5,17	0 0	40,294
Total Net Position - End of Year	\$0 \$	\$0 \$0	\$0

# Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds

# For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash Received from Customers	368,143
Cash Payments to Employee's Salaries and Benefits	0
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(522,039)
Net Cash (Used) by Operating Activities	(153,896)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	0
Cash Received from General Fund Transfer (Contribution)	
Cash Received from State and Federal Subsidy Reimbursements	182,711
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	182,711
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	28,815
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	(46,575)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	(\$17,760)
Reconcilliation of Operating (Loss) to Net Cash	
Used by Operating Activities	
Operating (Loss)	(\$40,294)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating (Loss) to	
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	69,109
USDA Commodities	
Change in Assets and Liabilities	
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	
Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences	
Increase/(Decrease) in Inventory	
Total Adjustment	69,109
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$28,815



# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Combining Statement of Agency Fund Net Position Fiduciary Funds As of June 30, 2016

	Payroll <u>Agency</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS		
Cash Total Assets	\$308,479 \$308,479	\$308,479 \$308,479
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities		
Intergovernmental Payable	\$77,020	\$77,020
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Accrued Salaries and Wages	231,459	231,459
Due to Student Groups		0
Total Liabilities	308,479	308,479
Reserve For Unemploy. Trust Fund Total Net Position		0
Total Net Fosition		
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$0	\$0

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Nonexpendable Trust Fund Combining Statement of Agency Fund Net Position Fiduciary Funds As of June 30, 2016

NOT APPLICABLE

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

NOT APPLICABLE

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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

	Balance <u>July 1, 2015</u>	Additions	<b>Deletions</b>	Balance <u>June 30, 2016</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$5,260,100	\$5,260,100	
Total Liabilities		5,260,100	5,260,100	
LIABILITIES				
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings		2,644,099	2,644,099	
Accrued Salaries and Wages		2,616,001	2,616,001	
Total Liabilities		\$5,260,100	\$5,260,100	

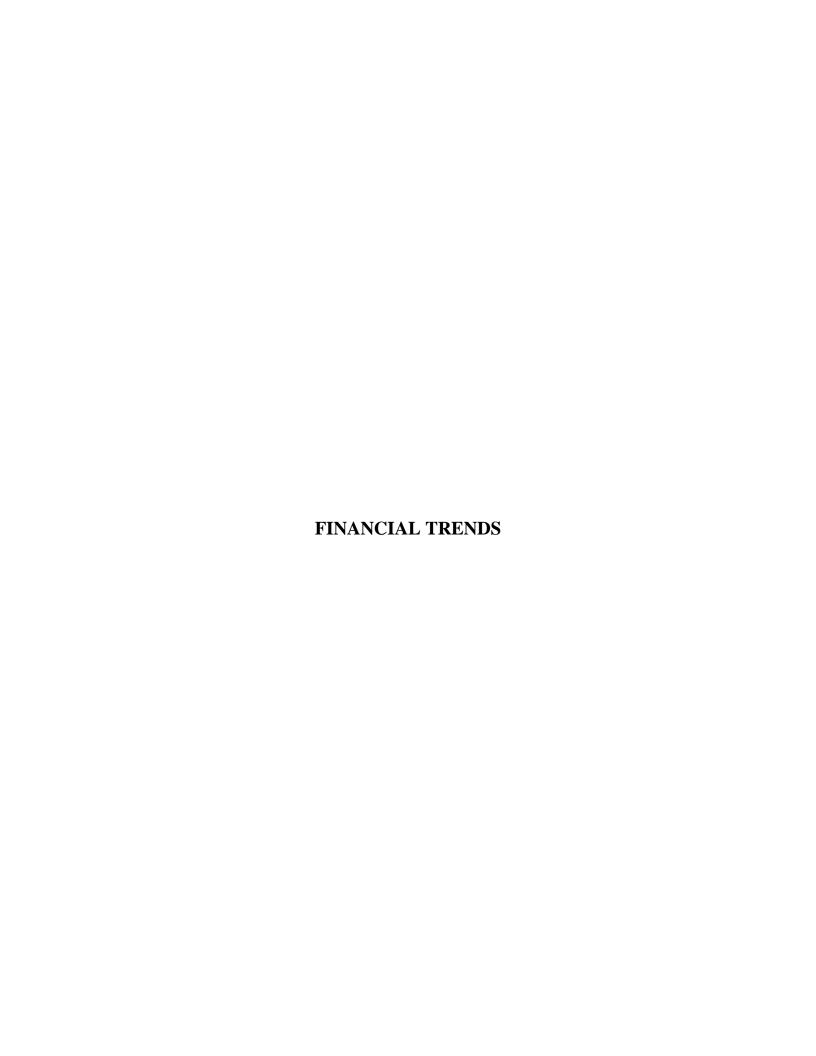
# **Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund**

# Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

# **Fiduciary Funds**

# For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2015	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2016
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LIABILITIES				
Reserve for Unemployment				
Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL NET POSITION BY COMPONENT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 (Unaudited)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Governmental activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 2,291,269	\$ 937,394	\$ 1,174,141	\$ 1,174,141	\$ 1,023,454	\$ 1,187,460
Restricted	74,000	74,000	74,000	74,000	74,000	
Unrestricted Fund Balance	(1,036,558)	(1,461,079)	850,882	602,238	525,264	517,260
Total governmental activities net position	\$ 1,328,711	\$ (449,685)	\$ 2,099,023	\$ 1,850,379	\$ 1,622,718	\$ 1,704,720
Business-type activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt						
Restricted	_	40,294	22,014	50,420	19,607	19,353
Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ 40,294	\$ 22,014	\$ 50,420	\$ 19,607	\$ 19,353
Total business-type activities net position						
School-wide						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,291,269	937,394	1,174,141	1,174,141	1,023,454	1,187,460
Restricted	74,000	74,000	74,000	74,000	74,000	
Unrestricted*	(1,036,558)	(1,420,785)	872,896	652,658	544,871	536,613
Total school-wide net position	\$ 1,328,711	\$ (409,391)	\$ 2,121,037	\$ 1,900,799	\$ 1,642,325	\$ 1,724,073

\*As restated

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES IN NET POSITION

# FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 (Unaudited)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Expenses						
Governmental activities						
Instruction						
Regular	3,582,089	3,371,003	3,237,916	2,820,035	3,072,449	2,278,514
Support Services:						
General administration	2,224,699	2,118,545	2,119,309	2,002,963	1,675,830	1,576,453
School Administrative Services	815,441	822,690	659,325	677,010	663,870	667,075
On-behalf TPAF Social Securituy	613,379	533,474	462,712	487,571	354,189	273,405
Capital outlay	368,356	361,955	361,955	416,955	410,946	490,955
Unallocated depreciation	236,747	236,747	236,747	266,268	212,006	208,295
Total governmental activities expenses	7,840,711	7,444,414	7,077,964	6,670,802	6,389,290	5,494,697
Business-type activities:						
Food service	220,556	161,836	154,459	128,299	363,825	385,272
Child Care	301,483	317,885	268,105	243,520	0	
Total business-type activities expense	522,039	479,721	422,564	371,819	363,825	385,272
Total school expenses	8,362,750	7,924,135	7,500,528	7,042,621	6,753,115	5,879,969
Program Revenues						
Governmental activities:						
Charges for services:						
Daily Sales- National Lunch Program	113,602	97,409	94,985	64,705	0	0
Pupil transportation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central and other support services						
Operating grants and contributions	1,232,148	876,977	805,358	467,554	0	0
Capital grants and contributions						
Total governmental activities program revenues	1,345,750	974,386	900,343	532,259	0	0
Business-type activities:						
Charges for services						
Food service	71,830	77,637	74,247	77,633	364,079	389,911
Child care	296,313	322,955	224,926	260,294		
Operating grants and contributions						
Capital grants and contributions						
Total business type activities program revenues	368,143	400,592	299,173	337,927	364,079	389,911
Total school program revenues	1,713,893	1,374,978	1,199,516	870,186	364,079	389,911
Net (Expense)/Revenue						
Governmental activities	(6,568,269)	(6,567,437)	(6,272,606)	(6,234,061)	(6,389,290)	(5,494,697)
Business-type activities	(40,294)	18,280	(28,406)	30,813	254	4,639
Total school-wide net expense	(6,608,563)	(6,549,157)	(6,301,012)	(6,203,248)	(6,389,290)	(5,494,697)

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES IN NET POSITION

# FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

(Unaudited)

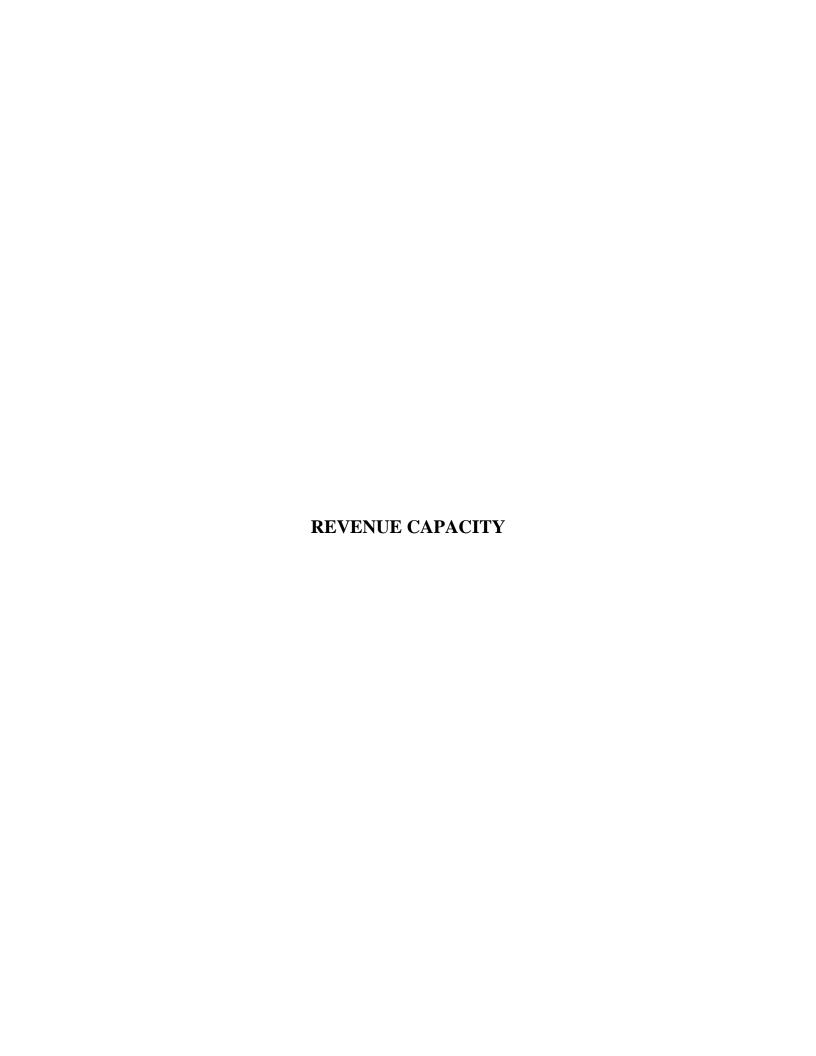
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets						
Governmental activities:						
Local share	1,327,952	1,363,064	1,340,286	1,246,939	849,137	1,002,039
State Share	3,578,938	3,715,796	3,684,592	3,508,194	3,594,129	3,106,026
State and Federal Aid aid	1,379,649	1,113,770	1,079,329	1,129,387	1,564,847	810,024
Miscellaneous income	18,657	83,104	180,296	129,433	177,175	261,914
Increase in Net Capital Outlay	0	0	0	416,955	122,000	168,915
Total governmental activities	6,305,196	6,275,734	6,284,503	6,430,908	6,307,288	5,348,918
Business-type activities:						
Investment earnings						
Transfers						
Total business-type activities						
Total school-wide	6,305,196	6,275,734	6,284,503	6,430,908	6,307,288	5,348,918
Change in Net Position						
Governmental activities	(303,367)	(291,703)	248,644	227,660	(82,002)	(145,779)
Business-type activities	(40,294)	18,280	(28,406)	30,813	254	4,639
Total school-wide	(343,661)	(273,423)	220,238	258,473	(81,748)	(141,140)

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 (Unaudited)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2011</u>
General Fund							
Reserved	74.000	74,000	74,000	74,000	74,000		74,000
Unreserved	729,306	795,926	850,882	602,238	525,264		17,260
Total general fund	\$ 803,306	\$ 869,926	\$ 924,882	\$ 676,238	\$ 599,264	\$ 5	91,260
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All Other Governmental Funds							
Reserved							
Unreserved, reported in:							
Special revenue fund							
Capital projects fund							
Debt service fund							
Permanent fund							
Total all other governmental funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNMENTAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 (Unaudited)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Revenues						
Local tax Levy	\$ 1,327,952	\$ 1,363,064	\$ 1,340,286	\$ 1,246,939	\$ 849,137	\$ 1,002,039
Other local revenue	587,044	576,295	591,476	454,432	471,542	587,728
State sources	5,595,384	5,415,693	5,255,626	5,028,119	4,962,508	3,714,313
Federal sources	508,709	295,660	296,631	154,649	266,180	265,834
Total revenue	8,019,089	7,650,712	7,484,019	6,884,139	6,549,367	5,569,914
Expenditures						
Instruction	2,610,760	2,647,628	2,624,642	2,536,333	2,443,188	1,894,619
Regular Instruction						
Support Services:						
General administration	1,963,880	1,964,943	1,927,225	1,819,111	1,650,777	1,573,136
School administrative services/Plant	815,441	822,690	659,325	677,010	663,870	667,075
TPAF Social Security	613,379	533,474	462,712	487,571	354,189	273,405
Enterprise Fund	522,039	479,721	422,564	371,819	363,825	385,272
Capital outlay	368,356	361,955	361,955	416,955	410,946	490,955
Debt service:	0	0	0	0		
Principal						
Interest and other charges						
Special Revenue	1,232,148	876,977	805,358	467,554	654,314	387,212
Total expenditures	8,126,003	7,687,388	7,263,781	6,776,353	6,541,109	5,671,674
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures						
Other Financing sources (uses)						
Proceeds from borrowing						
Capital leases (non-budgeted)						
Proceeds from refunding						
Payments to escrow agent						
Transfers in						
Transfers out						
Total other financing sources (uses)		0	0	0	0	0
Net change in fund balances	\$ (106,914)	\$ (36,676)	\$ 220,238	\$ 107,786	\$ 8,258	\$ (101,760)



# General Fund - Other Local Revenue By Source For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30 (Unaudited)

	Sale of Capital Assets	Donations	Rentals	Prior Year Refunds	Sale and Leaseback of Textbooks	Other Local	Annual Totals
2011						83,226	83,226
2012						76,460	76,460
2013						129,433	129,433
2014						180,296	180,296
2015						83,104	83,104
2016						18,657	18657

Source: School records

# Exhibit J-6

LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

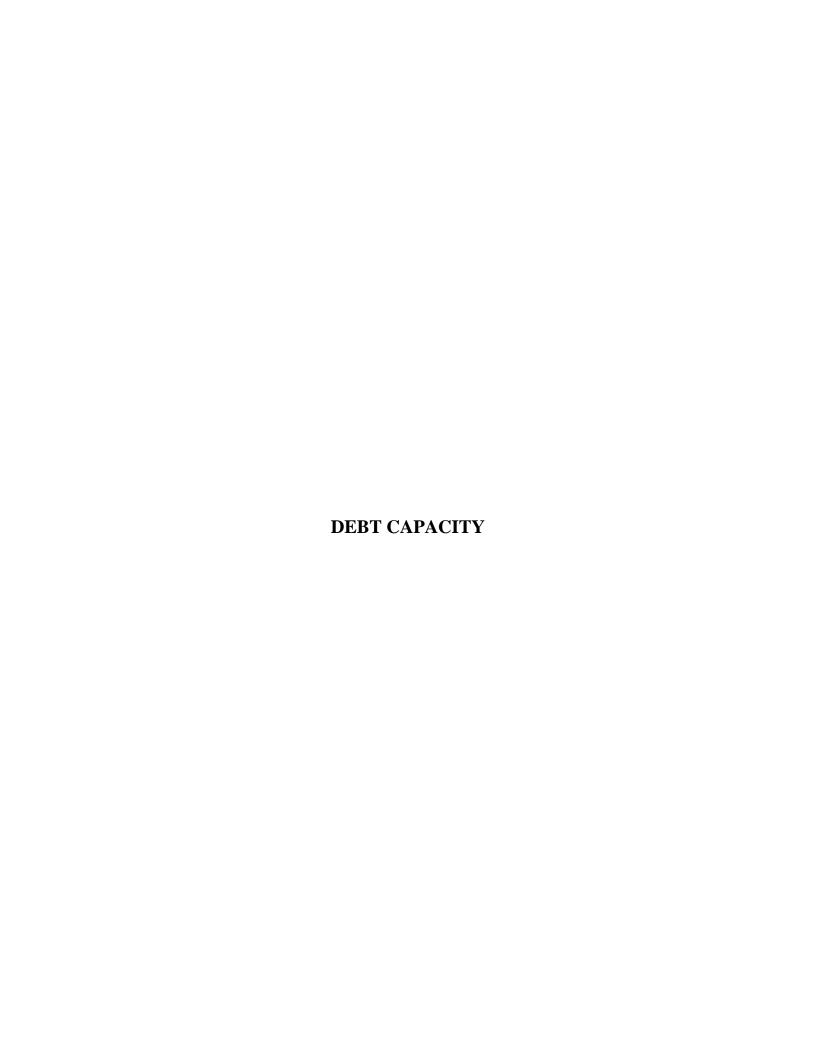
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# Exhibit J-7

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

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### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Principal Property Taxpayers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)



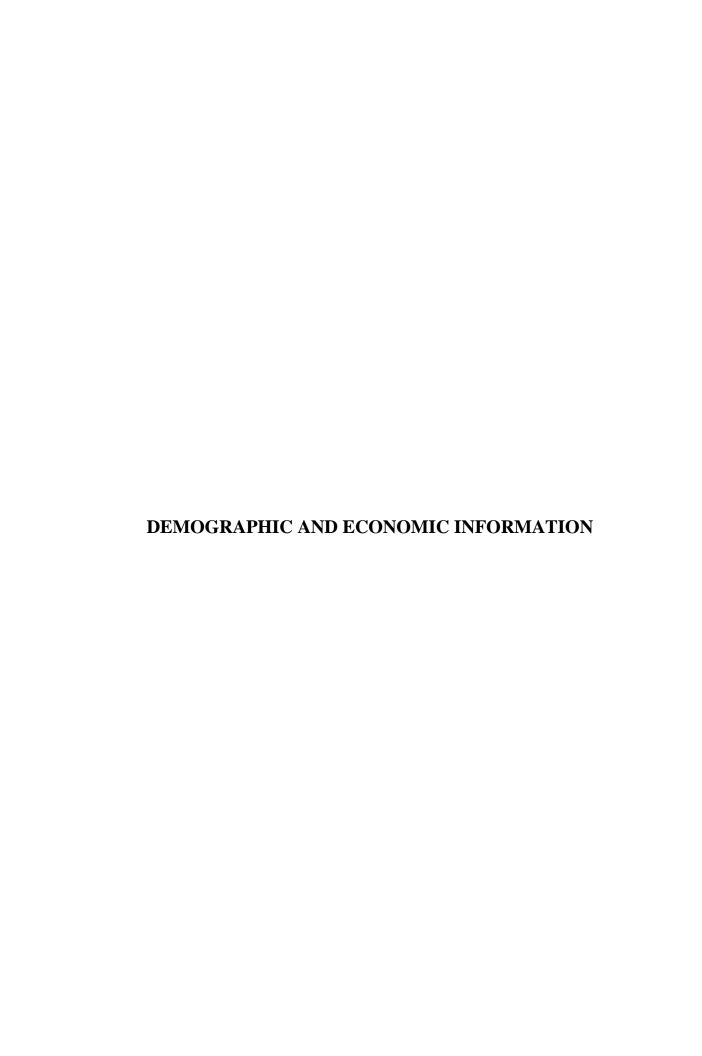
#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Property Tax Levies and Collections For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Ratios of Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016
(Unaudited)



# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Legal Debt Margin Information For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Demographic and Economic Statistics For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

OPERATING INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Principal Employers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Full-time Equivalent District Employees by Function/Program For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30 (Unaudited)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Function/Program						
Instruction	36.3	36.3	36.4	34	32.5	32
Regular	4	4	4	8		
Special education						
Other special education						
Vocational						
Other instruction	8	8	8			
Nonpublic school programs						
Adult/continuing education programs						
Support Services:						
Student & instruction related services	10	10	10	9	7	5
General administration	8	8	8	6	6	5
School administrative services	4	4	4	3.5	3	3
Other administrative services						
Central services						
Administrative Information Technology						
Plant operations and maintenance	1	1	1	1	1	2
Pupil transportation						
Other support services				5	7	5
Special Schools						
Food Service	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Child Care						
Total	72.5	72.5	72.6	67.7	57.7	53.2

**Source:** School Personnel Records

Exhibit J-17

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Operating Statistics
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30
(Unaudited)

#### Pupil/Teacher Ratio

									Average Daily	Average Daily	% Change in Average	Student
Fiscal		Operating	Cost Per	Percentage	Teaching		Middle	Senior High	Enrollment	Attendance	Daily	Attendance
Year	Enroll	Expenditures	Pupil	Change	Staff	Elementary	School	School	(ADE)	(ADA)	Enrollment	Percentage
2011	475	5,286,402	11,129	2.69%	32.00	16	16	N/A	475.0	454	4.50%	93.16%
2012	518	6,104,241	11,784	-2.69%	34.00	18	16	N/A	518.0	492	9.10%	93.16%
2013	542	6,288,782	11,603	5.89%	33.00	22	12	N/A	542.0	516	4.60%	95.11%
2014	567	6,841,217	12,066	3.99%	36.40	24	12	N/A	567.0	539	4.60%	95.06%
2015	585	7,687,388	13,141	8.90%	36.30	24	12	N/A	583.2	556	2.85%	95.40%
2016	585	8,126,003	13,891	1.05%	36.30	24	12	N/A	584.7	555	2.60%	94.94%

Sources: School records

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

#### School Building Information For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30 (Unaudited)

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
School Building	,					
Main Campus						
Square Feet	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000
Enrollment	585	585	567	542	541	475

Source: School Office

LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund - Schedule of Required Maintenance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

#### Insurance Schedule For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016 (Unaudited)

	 Coverage	De	eductible
School Package Policy			
Property	\$ 17,315,113	\$	1,000
Boiler and Machinery	10,000,000		1,000
General Liability	16,000,000		1,000
School Board Legal Liability	1,000,000		10,000
Workers' Compensation	2,000,000		-
Surety Bonds School Board Legal Liability	250,000		1,000
Public Official Bond	165,000		N/A

Source: Charter School Records

### CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK FINANCIAL INDICATORS

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - FINANCIAL RATIOS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 Unaudited

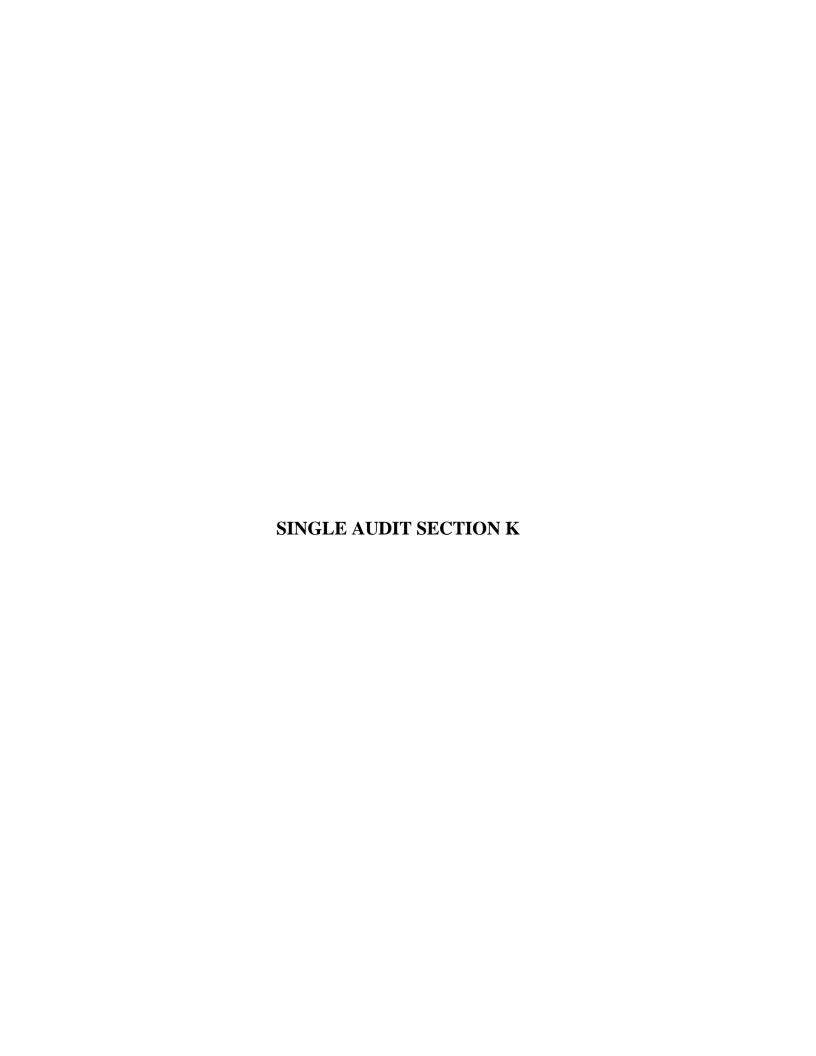
#### Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators Sustainability Indicators

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
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Cash	597,933	1,041,726	678,109 1,012,574	882,778 922,241	970,921
Current Assets	833,466			,	1,087,998
Capital Assets-Net Total Assets	7,199,647 8,454,518	7,199,647 8,434,879	7,436,394 8,448,968	7,673,141 8,595,382	7,522,454 8,610,452
Total Assets	0,434,310	0,434,079	0,440,900	0,393,362	6,010,432
Current Liabilities	30,160	325,012	65,678	195,583	469,127
Long Term Liabilities	7,095,647	6,499,000	6,499,000	6,499,000	6,499,000
Total Liabilities	7,125,807	6,824,012	6,564,678	6,694,583	6,968,127
Net Position	1,328,711	1,610,867	1,884,290	1,900,799	1,642,325
Total Revenue	6,893,855	7,650,712	6,441,914	6,884,139	6,549,367
Total Expenses	6,972,400	7,687,388	6,458,423	(6,776,353)	(6,541,109)
Total Expenses	0,572,100	7,007,500	0,130,123	(0,770,223)	(0,5 11,10))
Change in Net Position	78,545	(36,676)	(16,509)	107,786	8,258
Depreciation	234,185	236,747	236,747	266,268	212,006
Principal Payments	0	0	0	0	0
Interest payments	309,109	361,955	361,955	361,955	362,946
Final average daily enrollment	540	595	567	542	541
March 30th budgeted Enrollment	540	595	567	542	541
March 30th budgeted Emonment	310	373	307	312	311
Near term indicators	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
CURRENT RATIO	27.6	3.8	15.4	4.72	2.92
Unrestricted days cash	31.3	49.51	38.32	47.55	57.97
Enrollment variance	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Default	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - FINANCIAL RATIOS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 Unaudited

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Sustainability Indicators	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total margin	-1%	-1%	13%	7%	6%
Debt to Asset	0.84	0.81	0.78	0.78	N/A
Cash flow	(443,793)	363,617	(204,669)	(88,203)	1,492,316
Debt Service Coverage ratio	2.01	1.65	1.65		



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**EXHIBIT K-1** 

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

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Learning Community Charter School County of Hudson Jersey City, New Jersey

I 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 business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Learning Community Charter School ("the Charter School"), in the County of Hudson, 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 my report thereon, dated November 13, 2016.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I 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 my 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, I 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.

My 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 my audit I did not identify any

deficiencies in internal control that I 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, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my 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*.

I also noted certain matters that I reported to management of the Learning Community Charter School in a separate report entitled, "Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance" dated November 13, 2016.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 870

Scott J Loeffler, CPA November 13, 2016

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**EXHIBIT K-2** 

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY OMG'S CIRCULAR LETTER 15-08

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Learning Community Charter School County of Hudson Jersey City, New Jersey

#### **Compliance**

I have audited the Learning Community Charter School, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey's ("the Charter School") with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* and the *New Jersey State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Charter School's major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 2016. The Charter School's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### **Management's Responsibility**

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

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Charter School's major federal and state programs based on my audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and New Jersey Department of the Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid.* 

Those standards, The Uniform Guidance and State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Charter School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

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

#### Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

In my 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 federal and state program for the 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 my audit of compliance, I considered the Charter School's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal and state program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with The Uniform Guidance and 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, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control over compliance.

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

My 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. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I 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 my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of The Uniform Guidance and State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 870

Scott J. Loeffler, CPA

November 13, 2016

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Federal/Grantor <u>Program Title</u>	Project <u>Number</u>	Grant <u>Period</u>	Award <u>Amount</u>	Balance July 1, 2015	Prior Carry <u>over</u>	Cash <u>Received</u>	Budgetary <u>Expenditures</u>	Refund of Prior Years' <u>Balances</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	Deferred Revenue/ (Accounts Receivable) June 30, 2016	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2016
Food Subsidy											
National School Lunch Program	10.555	07/01/15-06/30/16	95,613	(7,239)		95,779	95,613			(7,073)	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	07/01/15-06/30/16	15,512	(977)		15,395	15,512			(1,094)	
Special Revenue Fund											
NCLB											
Title I A	84.01 A	07/01/15-06/30/16	271,740	0		271,740	271,740			0	
Title II A	84.368	07/01/15-06/30/16	13,490	0		13,490	13,490			0	
IDEA Part B, Basic	84.027	07/01/15-06/30/16	110,874	0		110,874	110,874			0	
IDEA Preschool	84.173	07/01/15-06/30/16	1,432	0		1,432	1,432			0	
Total Special Revenue				0	0	397,536	397,536			0	
Total Federal Awards				(8,216)	0	508,710	508,661			(8,167)	

See accompanying notes to schedules of expenditures of Federal and State awards.

**EXHIBIT K-4** 

#### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

State Grantor Program Title	Grant or State <u>Project Number</u>	Grant <u>Period</u>	Award <u>Amount</u>	Balance July 1, <u>2015</u>	Cash <u>Received</u>	Budgetary Expenditures	Refund of Prior Years' <u>Balances</u>	<u>Adjust</u>	Deferred Revenue/ (Accounts Receivable) June 30, 2016	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2016
GENERAL FUND										
TPAF Social Security	16-495-034-5095-002	7/1/15-06/30/16	\$186,790		\$186,790	\$186,790				
Equalization Aid - Local Equalization Aid - State Categorial Aid	16-495-034-5120-078 16-495-034-5120-078 16-100-034-5120-084	7/1/15-06/30/16 7/1/15-06/30/16 7/1/15-06/30/16	1,327,952 3,578,938 139,513		1,327,952 3,578,938 139,513	1,327,952 3,578,938 139,513				
Adjustment Aid Special Education	16-100-034-5120-085 16-100-034-5120-089	7/1/15-06/30/16 7/1/15-06/30/16	448,195 178,559	_	448,195 178,559	448,195 \$178,559				
Total General Fund					5,859,947	5,859,947				
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND Preschool Education Aid	16-495-034-5120-086	7/1/15-06/30/16	634,368	39,288	595,080	634,368			\$0	
ENTERPRISE FUND National School Lunch-State	16-100-010-3350-23	7/1/15-06/30/16	2,414 _	(193)	2,428	2,414			(\$179)	
Total State Financial Assist	ance subject to OMB 04-04		_	39,095	\$6,457,455	\$6,496,729			(\$179)	•
On Behalf TPAF Pension	16-495-034-5095-050	7/1/15-06/30/16	426,589	_	426,589	426,589				
Grand Total State Awards				_	6,884,044	6,923,318				

See accompanying notes to schedules of expenditures of Federal and State Awards

# LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

#### NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying schedules present the activity of all federal and state assistance programs of the Board of Trustees of the Learning Community Charter School. The Board of Trustees is defined in the Notes to the school's basic financial statements. All federal and state assistance received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal awards and state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

#### NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules 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 basis 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 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.

#### NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements or schedules (RSI) are presented for the general fund and special revenue fund to demonstrate finance-related legal compliance in which certain revenue is permitted by law or grant agreement to be recognized in the audit year, whereas for GAAP reporting revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or 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 account 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-. See Note 1 for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis of accounting for the special revenue fund. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the school's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

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The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to GAAP basis is \$-0-. See Note 1 for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis of accounting for the special revenue fund. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the school's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

	Federal	State	Total
General Fund	\$	\$ 5,859,947	\$ 5,859,947
Enterprise Fund	111,125	2,414	113,539
Special Revenue Fund	397,536	634,368	1,031,904
Total Awards and Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 508,661</u>	<u>\$ 6,496,729</u>	\$ 7,005,390

#### NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

#### NOTE 5. OTHER INFORMATION

The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions represents the amount of \$231,864 and \$194,725 for medical paid by the state on behalf of the Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2016. TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount of \$186,790 reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2016.

#### NOTE 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 schools basic financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

#### PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

<b>Financial Statement Section</b>				
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmo	Unmodified		
	<b>YES</b>	<u>NO</u>		
Internal control over financial reporting:				
Material weakness(es) identified:		X		
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?		X	None Reported	
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		X		
Federal Awards				
Internal control over compliance:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		X		
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?		X	None Reported	
Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:	Unmo	dified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be Reported in accordance with 2CFR 200.156(A)?		X		
Identification of major programs:				
<u>CDFA Number(s)</u> <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>				
None None				
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs (.520)	\$750.	000		
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee:	$\mathbf{X}$			

#### PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

State Awards	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs (.520)	\$750	,000	
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee:	X		
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmo	dified	
Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified:		X	
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?		X	None Reported
Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:	Unmo	dified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be Reported in accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 15-08?		X	

Identification of major programs:

<b>GMIS Number(s)</b>	Name of State Program or Cluster
16-495-034-5120-078	Equalization Aid Local and State - Cluster
16-495-034-5120-086	Preschool Education Aid

#### PART II – SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements and abuse related to the financial statements in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and with audit requirements prescribed by the Division of Administration and Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.

No financial statement findings noted that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

### PART III – SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and instances of noncompliance including questioned costs, related to the audit of major federal and state programs, as required by The Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

No federal and state award findings and questioned costs noted that are required to be reported in accordance of The Uniform Guidance or with NJOMB Circular 15-08.

### LEARNING COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE OF PRIOR-YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

#### **Status of Prior Year Findings**

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*, U.S. Uniform Guidance (section .315(a)(b)) and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

In accordance with government auditing standards, my procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. There were no prior year findings.