# COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL COUNTY OF UNION

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS--FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

FOR THE EIGHTEEN MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016



COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance

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# AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees College Achieve Central Charter School County of Union, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of the College Achieve Central Charter School, in the County of Union, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, which were separately issued in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report dated December 5, 2016.

As part of our audit, we also performed procedures required by the Division of Administration and Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is issued in conjunction with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Board of Trustees of College Achieve Central Charter School, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and is intended for the information of the Charter School management and the Division of Administration and Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Public School Accountant No. CS 02459

Voorhees, New Jersey December 5, 2016

### ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

# **SCOPE OF AUDIT**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**

#### Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule, contained in the Charter School's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

#### Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

Name Position Amount

Dr. Brian Falkowski Board Secretary / School

Business Administrator \$180,000.00

The Charter School's insurance coverage includes a provision for money and securities in the amount of \$25,000.00 all other employees.

### FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING

#### **Examination of Claims**

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

### **Payroll Account**

The net salaries of sampled employees of the Charter School were deposited in the net payroll account. Employees' payroll deductions and the employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the payroll agency account.

Sampled payrolls were approved by the School Leader and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator.

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the Board Secretary who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

#### **Encumbrances and Accounts Payable**

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

# FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

# **Travel**

A sample of travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

# **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of our randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

### **Board Secretary's Records**

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

# Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) / Improving America's Schools Act (I.A.S.A.) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act (N.C.L.B.) of 2001

The E.S.E.A. / N.C.L.B. financial exhibits are contained within the special revenue section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and IIA of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The audit of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

# Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The Charter School's other special projects were approved as listed on exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a sample basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the special revenue section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned other special projects.

The audit of compliance for other special projects did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

At June 30, 2016, the Charter School is waiting for entrance into the pension plans; therefore this does not apply.

# TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

At June 30, 2016, the Charter School is waiting for entrance into the pension plans; therefore this does not apply.

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# **SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS**

# **Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids**

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-

bin/om isapi.dll?clientID=1319801&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC Frame Pg42

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000.00 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$18,800.00 for 2015-16.

The Charter School's Members of the Board of Trustees has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our audit, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

#### SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

For the eighteen months ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School expended less than \$100,000 in federal and/or state funds for its Child Nutrition Program.

#### STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

The Charter School does not maintain a student activity fund.

# **ENROLLMENT COUNTS AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT**

Our audit procedures included a sample of enrollment information on October 15, 2015 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

#### **FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS**

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for facilities and capital assets indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

#### 21650

# **FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS**

Since the eighteen months ended June 30, 2016 is the Charter School's first fiscal year, this section is not applicable.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the eighteen months ended June 30, 2016.

# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

We received the complete cooperation of all of the officials of the Charter School and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

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# COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

	Submission to							Sample						
	DOE reported	Reported on	Verified signed		Verified		Special Ed &	Verified		Verified # days			Verified	
Grade	On Roll	Workpapers	Registration Forms	Errors	# days enrolled	Errors	or Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	81	38	38		38		9	9		9		26	26	
One	68	36	36		36		8	8		8		22	22	
Two	50	30	30		30		5	5		5		17	17	
Three														
Four														
Five	74	33	33		33		8	8		8		22	22	
Six	71	34	34		34							20	20	1
Seven														
Eight														
Nine														
Ten														
Eleven														
Twelve														
Total	344	171	171	_	171	_	30	30	_	30	_	107	107	_

Percentage

# COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2016

	Submission to							Sample						
	DOE reported	Reported on	Verified signed		Verified		Special Ed &	Verified		Verified # days			Verified	
Grade	On Roll	Workpapers	Registration Forms	Errors	# days enrolled	Errors	or Bilingual	Documentation	Errors	Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	81	43	43		43		10	10		10		33	33	
One	68	32	32		32		11	11		11		20	20	
Two	50	20	20		20		7	7		7		10	10	
Three														
Four														
Five	74	41	41		41		20	20		20		26	26	
Six	71	37	37		37		2	2		2		26	26	
Seven														
Eight														
Nine														
Ten														
Eleven														
Twelve														
T.4.1	044	470	470		470		50	50		50		445	445	
Total	344	173	173	-	173	-	50	50	-	50	-	115	115	

Percentage

# **EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION**

# REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

# **SECTION 1**

# 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2015-16 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on CAFR Exhibit C-1 Increased by:  Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	3,743,411.10 (B)  (B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases  Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	(B2a) (B2b) 3,743,411.10 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *  Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	74,868.22 (B4) 250,000.00 (B5) (K) 250,000.00 (M)
SECTION 2	(M)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2016 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Other Restricted Fund Balances **** Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	85,086.10 (C)  (C1) (C2) (C3) (C4) (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	85,086.10_(U1)
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2016	
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	(C3) (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	(D)

#### **EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION (CONT'D)**

#### REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

#### Footnotes:

- \* Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below is to be utilized when applicable for:
  - (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, effective for the year ending June 30, 2016 the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
  - (I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
  - (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
  - (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
  - (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
  - (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

#### **Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Federal Impact Aid	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	(J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	(K)

<sup>\*\*</sup> This amount represents the June 30, 2015 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031. This amount was to be appropriated in the 2016-2017 general fund budget.

Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

### **Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	
Sale/lease-back reserve	
Capital reserve	
Maintenance reserve	
Emergency reserve	
Tuition reserve	
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	
Other state/government mandated reserves	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	(C4)

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2016 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.