

**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
OF JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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December 2, 2017

Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Education
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Dear Commissioner:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, 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:** Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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.

Ethical Community was chartered by The New Jersey Department of Education on January 1, 2009. In September 2009 the school opened its doors to its first 120 students; 60 kindergarteners, and 60 first graders.

The school added one grade level per year since inception. The first graduating class was achieved in June 2017.

- 2) **ENROLLMENT OUTLOOK:** The Ethical Community began the 2016-17 school year with 375 students and ended the year with 368 students enrolled in grades K through 8. There was a waiting list of approximately 100 students throughout the year. The student retention rate was 98%. The maximum enrollment is 396. The anticipated enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is 375 for grades K through 8. The waiting list for September 2015 enrollment was approximately 100 students.
- 3) **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS** – The Ethical Community Charter School is a safe and caring community where ethics, service, and social justice are the principles that inform every aspect of school life; where teachers lead and collaborate with students in a culture of rigorous academics and mutual respect; where analytical thinking and creativity are prized over rote learning; where children become individuals of integrity, insight, autonomy - and socially productive citizens, workers, leaders.

The school is among the first in New Jersey to integrate an ethics education program designed to produce thoughtful citizens and caring community members. It is a core element in promoting positive social development and increasing positive behaviors in children. Ethics is taught as a subject in its own right and ethical considerations are infused throughout the curriculum. Teachers are sensitive to everyday occasions to engage students in the contemplation of ethical issues.

In addition to State and Local funding the school has been fortunate to raise approximately \$650,000 from private contributions and philanthropic support since opening. With the help of these funds, the school was able to hire instructional aides and additional grade level of books to the library, acquire new instructional equipment and added a grade level 6, 7 and 8 classroom space.

The school is recognized by the United Nations as an affiliate in their UNESCO training program. The Ethical Community Charter School is now one of approximately 60 schools in the United States that has earned this distinction.

- 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) **BUDGETARY CONTROLS:** 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, 2017.

- 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, 2017.

Revenue	Amount	Percent of Total
Local Sources	\$1,006,034	25%
State Sources	3,151,369	63%
Federal Sources	253,839	3%
Miscellaneous Revenues	228,064	4%
Enterprise Fund	<u>291,469</u>	<u>6%</u>
	<u>\$ 4,930,775</u>	<u>100%</u>

The following schedule presents a summary of the general fund, special revenue fund and debt service fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Expenditures	Amount	Percent of Total
Current Expense	\$4,240,722	86%
Special Revenue	375,222	7%
Enterprise Fund	<u>291,469</u>	<u>7%</u>
	<u>\$ 4,907,413</u>	<u>100%</u>

8) **CASH MANAGEMENT:** 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) **RISK MANAGEMENT:** The School carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, automobile liability and comprehensive/collision, and hazard and theft insurance on property and Contents.

10) **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Independent Audit – State statutes require an annual audit by an independent Certified Public Accountant or Registered Municipal Accountant. The Accounting firm of Gerald D. Longo, 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,

Marta Bergamini
Principal

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY

ROSTER OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS JUNE 30, 2017

<u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Ann E. Wallace, PhD [Vice Chair, parent, voting]	6/2020
Sonya Still, Esq. [Chair, Finance, Law, community, voting]	6/2020
Carly Berwick [Fund-raising, community, voting]	6/2019
Ed Goodall [Facilities, Bd Nominees, parent, voting]	6/2020
Lori Frohwirth [Strategic, Planning, parent, voting]	6/2019
Peter Went [Technology, finance, voting]	6/2020
Marta Bergamini, [Principal, non-voting]	6/2019
Nicholas Puzo, CPA [Board Secretary, non-voting]	6/2019
Blair Ducore [Teacher/staff representative, non-voting]	6/2019
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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
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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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City'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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City as of June 30, 2017, 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 2, 2017 on my consideration of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400



Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant

December 2, 2017

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
(Unaudited)

This section of Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the Board's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017. 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 2016-17 fiscal year include the following:

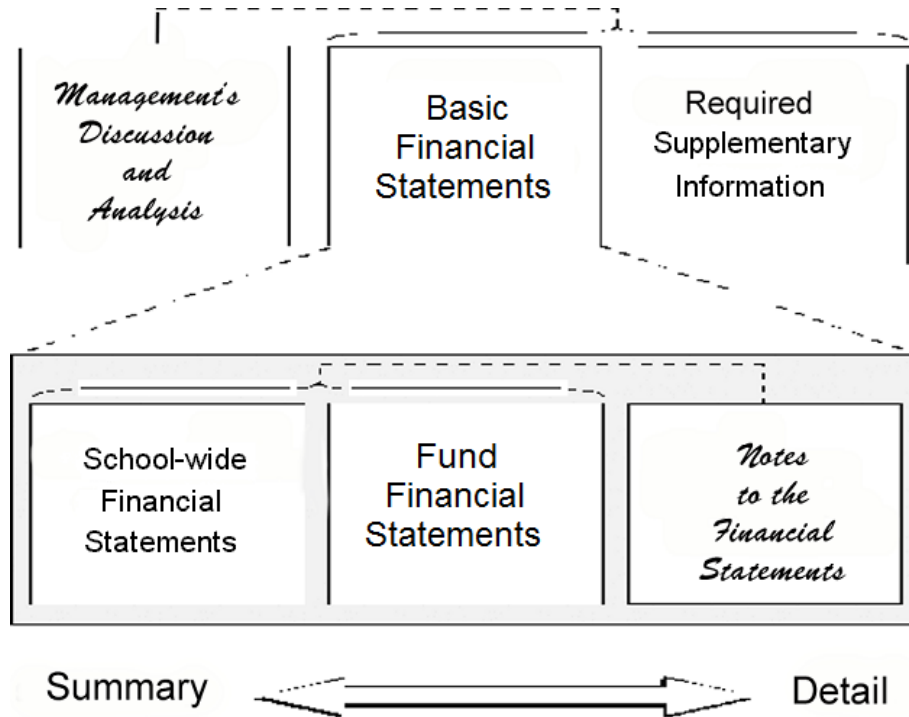
- Total Net Position (Deficit) was (\$493,722) net of pension adjustment of (1,099,082,37) (Note 16).
- Total General Fund balance was \$389,509.

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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City.

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



- The first two statements are school-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City, reporting the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City'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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City operates like businesses.

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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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's financial statements, including the portion of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City'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

	<u>School-wide Statements</u>	<u>Fund Financial Statements</u>	
		<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Proprietary Funds</u>
Scope	Entire school (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 thereafter; 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/outflow 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

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School-wide Statements

The school-wide statements report information about the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’s net position and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’s assets and liabilities – are one way to measure the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’s financial health or position.

In the school-wide financial statements, the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’s activities are shown in two categories:

- *Governmental activities*- Most of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's after school program fund is included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’s funds – focusing on its most significant or “major” funds – not the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City as a whole.

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

- Some funds are required by State law.

The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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).

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The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City has three kinds of funds:

- **Governmental funds-** Most of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’s government-wide financial statements because the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

Net position. The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City’s net position (deficit) is (\$493,722) on June 30, 2017. (See Table A-1).

Governmental	(\$493,722)
Enterprise Fund	<u> --</u>
Total	<u><u>(\$493,722)</u></u>

The Statement of Net Position of (\$493,722) reflects total net capital assets \$216,592 net of accumulated depreciation.

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The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's financial position is the product of these factors:

- Total Revenues during the 2016-17 school year were \$4,930,775.
- Total Expenditures during the 2016-17 school year were \$4,907,413.

Table A-1
The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
Statement of Net Position (Deficit)
As of June 30, 2017

	<u>Total</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$971,973
Pension Deferred Outflows	\$629,037
Capital Assets (Including Business Activities)	216,592
Total Assets	<u>\$1,817,602</u>
Other Liabilities	\$582,464
Pension Preferred Outflows	4,011
Net Pension Liability	1,724,849
Total Liabilities	<u>\$2,311,324</u>
Net Position:	
Invested In Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	216,592
General Fund (Deficit)	(710,314)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>(\$93,722)</u>
Fund Balance 06/30/17	\$389,509
Invested In Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	216,592
Net Position before Pension Adjustment	606,101
Less: Pension Adjustment (Note 16)	<u>(1,099,823)</u>
Net Position (Deficit) - June 30, 2017	<u><u>(\$493,722)</u></u>

Total Governmental and Business Activities revenues & beginning assets are adjusted by net adjusted expenditures resulting in a calculation of net position (Deficit) of (\$493,722) on June 30, 2017.

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
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Table A-2
The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
Changes in Net Position - School Wide
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Program revenues		
Charges for services		
Operating grants and contributions		
General revenues		
Local Share	937,299	22%
State Aid-Unrestricted	2,812,038	66%
Federal Aid-Restricted	249,927	5%
Miscellaneous Revenue	138,051	3%
Enterprise Fund	259,511	5%
Decrease in Net Capital Outlay	(16,200)	-1%
Total revenues	\$ 4,380,626	100%
Expenses		
Regular Instruction	2,146,113	49%
General Administrative	828,320	19%
School Administrative	735,736	17%
On-behalf TPAF Social Security	308,576	7%
Capital Outlay	42,406	1%
Enterprise Fund	259,511	7%
Total expenses	\$ 4,320,662	100%
Increase (Decrease) in net position	59,964	
Net Position (Deficit) Beginning July 1, 2016	(512,226)	
Net Position (Deficit) Before Pension Adjustments	(452,262)	
Less pension Adjustments (Note 16)	(26,325)	
Net Position (Deficit) - June 30, 2017	(478,587)	

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Table A-3 (See Exhibit A-2)
The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
Changes in Net Position - School Wide
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
Governmental Activities			
Instruction			
Regular	B-2	\$ 2,146,113	\$ 2,146,113
Support Services			
General Administrative Services	B-2	828,320	828,320
School Administrative Services	B-2	735,736	735,736
On-behalf TPAF Social Security	B-2	308,576	308,576
Capital Outlay	B-2	42,406	42,406
Food Service		259,511	259,511
Total Governmental Activities		<u>\$ 4,320,662</u>	<u>\$ 4,320,662</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL'S FUNDS

The financial performance of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City as a whole is reflected in its governmental activities Exhibit A-2. As the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City completed the year, its general funds reported a combined unreserved, undesignated fund balance of \$264,509.

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund includes the primary operations of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City in providing educational services to students from grade K through grade 5.

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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)
The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
Changes in Governmental Revenues - School Wide
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

General Fund Revenues	Year Ended June 30, 2017	Year Ended June 30, 2016	Amount of Increase (Decrease)
Local Sources:			
Local Share	\$ 1,006,034	\$ 937,299	\$ 68,735
Other Local Revenue	228,064	309,339	(81,275)
Total Local Sources	<u>\$ 1,234,098</u>	<u>\$ 1,246,638</u>	<u>\$ (12,540)</u>
Intergovernmental			
State Sources	3,151,369	2,813,480	337,889
Federal Sources	253,839	336,708	(82,869)
Total Intergovernmental Sources	<u>\$ 3,405,208</u>	<u>\$ 3,150,188</u>	<u>\$ 255,020</u>
Total Revenue	<u><u>\$ 4,639,306</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,396,826</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 242,480</u></u>

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

Table A-5 (See Exhibit B-2)
The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
Changes in Governmental Expenditures - School Wide
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

General Fund Expenditures	Year Ended June 30, 2017	Year Ended June 30, 2016	Amount of Increase (Decrease)
Current:			
Regular Instruction	\$ 2,450,399	\$ 2,146,113	\$ 304,286
General Administrative Services	880,712	828,320	52,392
School Administration	706,816	735,736	(28,920)
On-behalf TPAF Social Security	411,453	308,576	102,877
Capital outlay	166,564	42,406	124,158
Total Expenditures	<u><u>\$ 4,615,944</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,061,151</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 554,793</u></u>

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UNRESERVED-UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AS A PERCENTAGE OF EXPENDITURES

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

Table A-6
The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
Changes in Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance - School Wide
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

General Fund	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance	\$264,599	\$241,146	\$209,983	\$244,841	\$227,094	\$183,181
Expenditures	\$4,615,944	\$4,396,826	\$3,898,649	\$3,404,308	\$2,831,852	\$2,208,869
Percentage	6%	6%	5%	7%	8%	8%

The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 budget is \$264,509 for the 2016-17 school year.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

By the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, in the General Fund, the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City had invested \$300,436 in a broad range of capital assets, including leasehold improvements, computer and audio-visual 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 \$18,974.

Table A-7
The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
Changes in Net Position - School Wide
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Leasehold Improvements	\$55,000
Equipment	\$134,483
Total - General Fund	\$189,483
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(64,870)
Total - Net Capital Assets General Fund	<u>\$124,613</u>

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FACTORS BEARING ON THE SCHOOL'S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 ETHICAL 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's finances and to demonstrate the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office, Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City, 95 Broadway, Jersey City, New Jersey 07103.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements provide a financial overview of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City's operations. These financial statements present the financial position and operating results of all funds as of June 30, 2017.

SCHOOL-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2017

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 530,834	\$ 32,286	\$ 563,120
Receivables, net	194,838	10,883	205,721
Interfund	226,301	(37,629)	188,672
Rent Security	20,000	-	20,000
Capital assets, net	216,592	-	216,592
Total Assets	<u>1,188,565</u>	<u>5,540</u>	<u>1,194,105</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pension deferred outflows	629,037		629,037
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 1,817,602</u>	<u>\$ 5,540</u>	<u>\$ 1,823,142</u>
LIABILITIES			
Cash Overdraft			-
Accounts payable	417,888	5,540	423,428
Due to Districts	79,576	-	79,576
Deposits payable	-	-	-
Payable to federal government	-	-	-
Payable to state government	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	85,000	-	85,000
Net pension liability	1,724,849	-	1,724,849
Total liabilities	<u>2,307,313</u>	<u>5,540</u>	<u>2,312,853</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Pension deferred inflows	4,011	-	4,011
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	216,592	-	216,592
Restricted for:			
Debt service	-	-	-
Capital projects	50,000	-	50,000
Permanent endowment - nonexpendable	-	-	-
Other purposes	75,000	-	75,000
Unrestricted (Deficit) (Note 16)	(835,314)	0	(835,314)
Total net position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (493,722)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (493,722)</u>
Fund Balance June 30, 2016 - B-1	\$389,509		
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	216,592		
Net position before pension adjustments	606,101		
Less pension adjustments net (Note 16) (Deficit)	(1,099,823)		
Total net position (Deficit)	<u>(\$493,722)</u>		

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

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ (2,450,399)	\$ -	\$ (375,222)	\$ 0	\$ (2,075,177)	\$ -	\$ (2,075,177)
Support services:	0						
General administratiron	(880,712)	-	-	-	(880,712)	-	(880,712)
School administrative services/ operations plant serv.	(706,816)	-	-	-	(706,816)	-	(706,816)
On - behalf TPAF Social Security	(411,453)	-	-	-	(411,453)	-	(411,453)
Capital Outlay	(166,564)	-	-	-	(166,564)	-	(166,564)
Total governmental activities	<u>(4,615,944)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(375,222)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,240,722)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,240,722)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Food Service	-	(291,469)	-	-		(291,469)	(291,469)
Total business-type activities	<u>-</u>	<u>(291,469)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(291,469)</u>	<u>(291,469)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ (4,615,944)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ (375,222)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (4,240,722)</u>	<u>\$ (291,469)</u>	<u>\$ (4,532,191)</u>
General revenues:							
Local Share					1,006,034	0	1,006,034
State Share					2,453,829	1,901	2,455,730
Federal Aid					0	91,725	91,725
State Aid					697,540		697,540
Miscellaneous Income					106,681	197,843	304,524
Increase in net Capital Outlay					91,979	0	91,979
Total general revenues, special items, extraordinary					<u>4,356,063</u>	<u>291,469</u>	<u>4,647,532</u>
Change in Net Position					115,341	0	115,341
Net Pension Adjustment					(130,277)		(130,277)
Net Position (Deficit)- beginning - July 1, 2016					(478,786)	0	(478,786)
Net Position (Deficit)- ending - June 30, 2017					<u>\$ (493,722)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (493,722)</u>

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
As of June 30, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$455,834	\$0	\$455,834
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	75,000		75,000
Receivables, net	109,838	85,000	194,838
Interfund	226,301	-	226,301
Security Deposit	20,000		20,000
Total assets	<u>\$886,973</u>	<u>\$85,000</u>	<u>\$971,973</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	417,888	-	417,888
Due to districts.	79,576		79,576
Payable to federal government	-		0
Payable to state government			0
Deferred revenue	-	85,000	85,000
Total liabilities	<u>497,464</u>	<u>85,000</u>	<u>582,464</u>
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Encumbrances			
Legally restricted -- unexpended additional spending proposal			
Legally restricted -- designated for subsequent year's expenditures			
Capital reserve account	50,000		50,000
Excess surplus			0
Excess surplus -- designated for Subsequent year's expenditures			0
Other purposes	75,000		75,000
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	264,509		264,509
Capital projects fund			
Permanent fund			
Total Fund balances	<u>389,509</u>		<u>389,509</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 886,973</u>	<u>\$ 85,000</u>	<u>\$ 971,973</u>

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$300,436 and the accumulated depreciation is (\$83,844)	216,592
Net position before pension adjustments	606,101
Deferred Outflows related to pension contributions subsequent to the Net Pension Liability measurement date and other deferred items are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the fund statements. (See Note 6)	629,037
Deferred Inflows related to pension actuarial gains from experience and differences in actual returns and assumed returns and other deferred items are not reported as liabilities in the fund statements. (See Note 6)	(4,011)
Long-term liabilities, including net pension liability, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds (See Note 6)	<u>(1,724,849)</u>
Net position (deficit) of governmental activities - June 30, 2017	<u>\$ (493,722)</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Local Share	\$ 1,006,034	\$ -	\$ 1,006,034
State Share	2,453,829	-	2,453,829
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues	-		-
Philanthropic Support	106,681	121,383	228,064
Total - Local Sources	3,566,544	-	3,687,927
State Sources	697,540	-	697,540
Federal Sources	-	253,839	253,839
Total Revenues	4,264,084	375,222	4,639,306
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Regular instruction	\$ 2,075,177	\$ 375,222	\$ 2,450,399
Support services- General Administrative	880,712	-	880,712
Support Services- School Admin/ operations plant se	706,816		706,816
On-behalf TPAF Social Security	411,453		411,453
Capital outlay	166,564		166,564
Total expenditures	4,240,722	375,222	4,615,944
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	23,362	-	23,362
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Bond proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources and uses	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	23,362	-	23,362
Fund balance - July 1, 2016	241,147	-	241,147
Fund balance - June 30, 2017	\$ 264,509	\$ -	\$ 264,509

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

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
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, 2017

	General Fund	Enterprise Fund	Total
Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (from B-2 and G-2)	\$ 23,262	\$ -	\$ 23,262

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.

However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.

	Depreciation expense	\$ (18,974)			
	Capital outlays	<u>110,953</u>	91,979	-	<u>23,262</u>

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	\$ 115,241	\$ -	\$ 115,241
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PROPRIETARY FUNDS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
As of June 30, 2017

			Business-type Activities
			Enterprise funds
			Food Service
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ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	32,287	
Investments			
Accounts receivable - Federal Aid		6,784	
Accounts receivable - State Aid		147	
Accounts receivable - Other		3,951	
Total current assets		<u>43,169</u>	
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		-	
Furniture, machinery & equipment		-	
Less accumulated depreciation		-	
Total noncurrent assets		<u>-</u>	
Total assets		<u><u>43,169</u></u>	
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Cash overdraft		-	
Accounts Payable		43,169	
Interfund		-	
Total current liabilities		<u>43,169</u>	
Total liabilities		<u><u>43,169</u></u>	
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets net of related debt		-	
Restricted for:			
Capital projects		-	
Unrestricted		-	
Total net position	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>	

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THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

		Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund
		Food Service
		<hr/> <hr/>
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services:		
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Programs and Special Lunch Program	\$	62,493
Miscellaneous Revenue		135,350
Total operating revenues		<hr/> 197,843 <hr/>
Operating expenses:		
Cost of Sales		-
Salaries and Benefits		76,696
Professional Fees		-
Supplies, Materials and Other Expenses		122,239
Afterschool Technical Service		92,534
Total Operating Expenses		<hr/> 291,469 <hr/>
Operating income (loss)		<hr/> <u>(93,626)</u> <hr/>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Board Subsidy		
State sources:		
State Breakfast Program		
State school lunch program		1,901
Federal sources:		
National school breakfast program		6,362
National school lunch program		85,363
National snack program		-
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)		<hr/> 93,626 <hr/>
Income (loss) before contributions & transfers		-
Capital contributions		-
Transfers in (out)		-
Change in net assets		-
Total net position - beginning		<hr/> 0 <hr/>
Total net position - ending	\$	<hr/> <u>-</u> <hr/>

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

Exhibit B-6

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Business-type
	Activities
	Enterprise Funds
	Food
	Service
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 194,626
Payments to employees and benefits	0
Payments to suppliers	(283,507)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	(88,881)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State and Federal Sources	91,400
Operating subsidies and transfers to other funds	0
Net cash provided by (used for) non-capital financing activities	91,400
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Increase In Fixed Assets	---
Proceeds from sale/maturities of investments	---
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	-
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,519
Cash Balances—beginning of year	29,768
Cash Balances—end of year	\$ 32,287
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided	
(used) by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ -
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	(5,443)
(Increase) decrease in inventories	-
(Increase) decrease in Interfund	-
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	7,962
Increase (decrease) in accrued compensated absences	0
Total adjustments	2,519
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 2,519

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

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Exhibit B-7

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
As of June 30, 2017

	<u>Agency fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 214,984
Total assets	<u>\$ 214,984</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	-
Payable to district	
Payable to student groups	3,535
Payroll deductions and withholdings	211,449
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 214,984</u>
NET POSITION	
Held in trust for unemployment claims	<u>\$ -</u>

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Exhibit B-8

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Unemployment Compensation Trust
ADDITIONS	
Contributions:	
Plan member	\$ -
Other	-
Total Contributions	-
Investment earnings:	
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	-
Interest	-
Dividends	-
Less investment expense	-
Net investment earnings	-
Total additions	-
DEDUCTIONS	
Quarterly contribution reports	-
Unemployment claims	-
Scholarships awarded	-
Refunds of contributions	-
Administrative expenses	-
Total deductions	-
Change in net position	0
Net position - beginning	0
Net position - ending	\$ -

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

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City (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 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City is committed to achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and producing high academic achievement by all students.

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City (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, Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, 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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Charter School's governmental and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Charter School, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Charter School.

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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Charter Schools' major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Charter School. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are legally or administratively required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or non-instructional equipment which are classified in the Capital Outlay sub-fund.

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, 2017 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:

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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.

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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School has two items which arise only under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. One item that qualifies for reporting in this category is the deferred amounts on net pension liability. Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the school-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions; and (5) contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School has one type which arise only under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. The item that qualifies for reporting in this category are the deferred amounts on net pension liability. Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the school-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; and (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years.

G Net Position/Fund Balance

School-Wide Statements

In the school-wide statements, there are three classes of net position:

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

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- Restricted Net Position- reports net position when constraints placed on the residual amount of noncapital assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position - any portion of net position not already classified as either net investment in capital assets or net position- restricted is classified as net position - unrestricted.

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.

H 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.

I 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.

J Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include leasehold improvements, equipment and furniture & fixtures 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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by the straight-line method. The following estimated useful lives are used to compute depreciation:

<u>Description of Capital Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Lives (Years)</u>
Leasehold Improvements	20
Equipment	10

K 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 which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

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

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

The Charter School had no compensated absences as of June 30, 2017.

L 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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

M 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 Fund – deferred revenue to be utilized in 2016-2017.

Simon Grant	\$35,000
TECCS - Opening Day Fund	<u>50,000</u>
Total:	<u><u>\$85,000</u></u>

N 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.

O Fund Balance and Equity (continued)

Under GASB 54, fund balances in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting and classified into the following five categories, as defined below:

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

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

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

P 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.

Q 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.

R Net Position

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City that is applicable to a future reporting period. A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City that is applicable to a future reporting period. The Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City did not have any deferred inflows or outflows of resources at June 30, 2017.

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.

S New Accounting Standards

During the prior fiscal year 2016, 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.

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2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

T New Accounting Standards (continued)

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.

3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

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

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

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

The Charter School's cash and cash equivalents are classified below to inform financial statement users about the extent to which the Charter School's deposits and investments are exposed to custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2017, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits and investments are as follows:

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3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Enterprise Funds	Total
Operating A/C	\$530,834	\$0	\$32,286	\$563,120

Operating cash accounts are held in the Charter School’s name by one banking institution. At June 30, 2017, the Charter School’s bank balance was \$851,242.

Of the bank balance, \$250,000 of the Charter School’s cash deposits on June 30, 2017 were secured by federal deposit insurance and \$601,242 was covered by a collateral pool maintained by the bank as required by New Jersey statutes in accordance with the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit protection Act (“GUDPA”).

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

Category 1

Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Charter School or by its agent in the Charter School’s name.

Category 2

Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository’s trust department or agent in the Charter School’s name.

Category 3

Uncollateralized, including any deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Charter School’s name.

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

Investments

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

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3 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

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, 2017, the Charter School did not hold any investments.

4. LONG-TERM LEASES

The school leases its premises under the terms of a non-cancelable lease which expired June 30, 2017. Rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2017 amounted to \$252,713. The school exercised an option to renew its lease for an additional four years. In addition, the school also pays for certain maintenance and other costs associated with the building. Future obligations over the primary terms of the long-term lease are as follows:

2018	\$249,610
2019	\$255,850

5 PENISON PLANS

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

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage including post-retirements health care to substantially all full time certified teachers or professional staff of the public school systems in the State.

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5 PENISON PLANS (continued)

The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the School and the systems other related non-contributing employers. Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

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

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

Vesting and Benefit Provisions - The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A 43:15a and 43:03B and N.J.S.A. 18A: for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirements benefits for age and service are available at age 55 and are generally determine to be 1/55 of the final average salary for each year of service credit as defined.

Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age.

The TPAF and PERS provides for specified medical benefits for member who retire after achieving 25 years of qualified service, as defined, or under the disability provisions of the System.

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

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5 PENISON PLANS (continued)

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

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

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

COLA Suspension

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

Contribution Requirements

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

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

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

Annual Pension Costs (APC)

Per the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27 for the year ended June 30, 2011 for TPAF, which is a cost sharing plan with special funding situations, annual pension cost differs from the annual required contribution. For PERS, which is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension cost equals contributions made.

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TPAF employer contributions are made annually by the State of New Jersey to the pension system on behalf of the Board.

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

The School's contribution to PERS for the year ended June 30, 2017 was \$0.

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:66-66 the School recorded as revenue \$137,588 for the year ended June 30, 2017 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries. Also the State paid \$273,865 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the TPAF Pension System Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions for the School. These amounts have been included in the school wide financial statements and the fund financial statements as a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 24.

6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the TPAF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the TPAF.

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

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

The employer contributions for the Charter School are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:66-33. Therefore, the Charter School (employer) is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the Charter School. However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School was \$8,279,173 as measured on June 30, 2016 and \$4,794,595 as measured on June 30, 2015.

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$622,065 and revenue of \$622,065 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, 2017 is based upon changes in the collective net pension liability with a measurement period of June 30, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Accordingly, the pension expense and the related revenue associated with the support provided by the State are based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

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.

	<u>6/30/2016</u>	<u>6/30/2015</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$17,414,701,002	\$7,521,378,257
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$134,532,594	\$554,399,005
Collective net pension liability (Nonemployer-State of New Jersey)	\$78,666,367,052	\$63,204,270,305
State's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School	.010524%	.007586%
State's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School as a percentage of the collective net pension liability	8,279,173	4,794,595%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2016 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2015 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	
Salary Increases: Thereafter	Varies based on experience	
Investment Rate of Return:	7.65%	

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

Pre-retirement, post retirement and disabled mortality rates were based on the experience of TPAF members reflecting mortality improvement on a generational basis based on a 60-year average of Social Security data from 1953 to 2013.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.65% at June 30, 2016) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Cash	5.00%	0.39%
US Government Bonds	1.50%	1.28%
US Credit Bonds	13.00%	2.76%
US Mortgages	2.00%	2.38%
US Inflation-Indexed Bonds	1.50%	1.41%
US High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.70%
US Equity Market	26.00%	5.14%
Foreign-Developed Equity	13.25%	5.91%
Emerging Market Equities	6.50%	8.16%
Private Real Estate Property	5.25%	3.64%
Timber	1.00%	3.86%
Farmland	1.00%	4.39%
Private Equity	9.00%	8.97%
Commodities	0.50%	2.87%
Hedge Funds - MultiStrategy	5.00%	3.70%
Heage Funds - Equity Hedge	3.75%	4.72%
Hedge Funds - Distressed	3.75%	3.49%

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the State's total pension liability was 3.22% and 4.13% as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.65%, and a municipal bond rate of 2.85% and 3.80% as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, 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 2029.

Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2029, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

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

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

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: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml>.

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

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

At June 30, 2017, the Charter School reported a liability of \$1,724,849 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2015 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015. 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, 2016 and 2015, respectively. At June 30, 2016, the Charter School's proportion was .005823% which was an increase of .0004% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015 which was .005381%.

For the year ended June 30, 2016, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$192,471. 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	\$32,077	\$-0-
Changes of assumptions	357,297	-0-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	65,770	-0-
Changes in proportion and differences between Charter School contributions and proportionate share of contributions	121,176	4,011
Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date.	52,747	-0-
Total	\$629,067	\$4,011

\$52,747 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ended June 30, 2017, the plan measurement date was June 30, 2016) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

	Year Ended June 30:		6/30/16	6/30/15
2017	\$102,456			
2018	\$102,456			
2019	\$118,699			
2020	\$99,725			
2021	\$31,740			
Total:	\$455,076			
			6/30/16	6/30/15
Collective deferred outflows of resources		\$8,685,338,380	\$3,578,755,666	
Collective deferred inflows of resources		\$870,133,595	\$993,410,455	
Collective net pension liability (Non State- Local Group)		\$29,617,131,759	\$22,447,996,119	
Charter schools proportion of net pension liability		\$1,724,849	\$1,207,818	
Charter School proportion percentage		.005823%	.005381%	

Actuarial Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2016 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2015, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2016. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation	3.08%
Salary Increases:	
2012-2026	1.65%-4.15% based on age
Thereafter	2.65%-5.15% based on age
Investment Rate of Return	7.65%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Preretirement Mortality Table for male and female active participants. For State employees, mortality tables are set back 4 years for males and females. For local employees, mortality tables are set back 2 years for males and 7 years for females. In addition, the tables provide for future improvements in mortality from the base year of 2013 using a generational approach based on the plan actuary's modified MP-2014 projection scale.

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Mortality Tables (setback 1 year for males and females) for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members and a one-year static projection based on mortality improvement Scale AA.

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

In addition, the tables for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members provide for future improvements in mortality from the base year of 2013 using a generational approach based on the plan actuary's modified MP-2014 projection scale. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 3 years for males and set forward 1 year for females).

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.65% at June 30, 2016) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	5.00%	0.87%
U.S. Treasuries	1.50%	1.74%
Investment Grade Credit	8.00%	1.79%
Mortgages	2.00%	1.67%
High Yield Bonds	2.00%	4.56%
Inflation Indexed Bonds	1.50%	3.44%
Broad U.S. Equities	26.00%	8.53%
Developed Foreign Equities	13.25%	6.83%
Emerging Market Equities	6.50%	9.95%
Private Equity	9.00%	12.40%
Hedge Funds/Absolute Return	12.50%	4.68%
Real Estate (Property)	2.00%	6.91%
Commodities	50.00%	5.45%
Global Debt ex US	5.00%	-0.25%
REIT	5.25%	5.63%

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.98% as of June 30, 2016. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.65% and a municipal bond rate of 2.85% as of June 30, 2016 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 contribution rate in the most recent fiscal year. The State employer contributed 30% of the actuarially determined contributions and the local employers contributed 100% of their actuarially determined 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 2034.

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, 2016 and 2015, respectively, calculated using the discount rate of 3.98% and 4.90%, respectively, as well as what the Charter School’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	2016		
	1% Decrease (2.98%)	Current Discount Rate (3.98%)	1% Increase (4.98%)
Charter School’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$2,113,302	\$1,724,849	\$1,403,702
	2015		
	1% Decrease (3.9%)	Current Discount Rate (4.9%)	1% Increase (5.9%)
Charter School’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,454,334	\$1,207,818	\$961,302

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

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: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml>

7 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, 2016, there were 110,512 retirees receiving post-retirement medical benefits and the State contributed \$1.37 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 \$231.2 million toward Chapter 126 benefits for 20,045 eligible retired members in fiscal year 2016.

8 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.

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8 **COMPENSATED ABSENCES (continued)**

As of June 30, 2017, Charter School-wide compensated absences amounted to \$-0-.

9 **DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

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.

10 **ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

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

11 **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Charter School participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government.

If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Charter School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2017, 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.

12 **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.

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12 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation - The Charter School has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the “Benefit Reimbursement Method”. Under this plan, the Charter School is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund For benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Charter School is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following table is a summary of Charter School contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and ending balance of the Charter School’s expendable trust fund for the current and previous two years:

Fiscal Year	Charter School Contributions	Employee Contributions	Amount Reimbursed	Ending Balance
2016-2017				
2015-2016				
2014-2015				

13 RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of June 30, 2017 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>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:				
Accounts	<u>\$109,838</u>	<u>\$85,000</u>	<u>\$10,883</u>	<u>\$205,721</u>
Gross Receivables	<u>\$109,838</u>	<u>\$85,000</u>	<u>\$10,883</u>	<u>\$205,721</u>

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14 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following schedule is a summarization of the governmental activities changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	Beginning Balance July 1, 2016	Net Additions (Deletions)	Ending Balance June 30, 2017
Governmental Activities			
Capital assets, being depreciated:			
Leasehold improvements and equipment	\$189,483	\$110,953	\$300,436
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$189,483	\$110,953	\$300,436
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Leasehold improvements and equipment	\$64,870	\$18,974	\$83,844
Total accumulated depreciation	\$64,870	\$18,974	\$83,844
Total capital assets net	\$124,613	\$91,979	\$216,592

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The school has evaluated subsequent events occurring in the Independent Auditors Report of December 2, 2017, 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.

16. 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 (Deficit) (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.

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16. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(continued)

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

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:

Fund balance per B-1	\$389,509
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	216,592
Pension deferred outflows	629,037
Pension deferred inflows	(4,011)
Deferred pension liability as of June 30, 2017	(1,724,849)
Net position (Deficit) (per A-1) as of June 30, 2017	<u>(\$493,722)</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART II**

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
REVENUES:					
Local Sources:					
Local Share	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,006,034	(\$6,034)
State Share	2,450,000	0	\$2,450,000	2,453,829	(3,829)
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues					
Miscellaneous	142,600	0	\$142,600	106,681	35,919
Total - Local Sources	<u>3,592,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,592,600</u>	<u>3,566,544</u>	<u>26,056</u>
Categorical Aid					
Special Education	160,000	0	160,000	163,924	(\$3,924)
Security Aid	85,000	0	85,000	84,280	\$720
Adjustment Aid	265,000	0	265,000	37,883	\$227,117
Non-Public Aid	0	0	0	0	\$0
TPAF Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	0		0	123,846	(\$123,846)
TPAF Pension (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	0		0	150,019	(\$150,019)
TPAF Social Security (Reimbursed - Non-Budgeted)	0	0	0	137,588	(137,588)
Total State Sources	<u>510,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>510,000</u>	<u>697,540</u>	<u>(187,540)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>4,102,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,102,600</u>	<u>4,264,084</u>	<u>(161,484)</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Current Expense:					
Regular Programs - Instruction					
Teachers Salary	1,475,000	40,000	1,515,000	1,513,157	1,843
Other Salaries	175,000	(35,000)	140,000	137,904	2,096
Prof/Tech Services	190,000	96,000	286,000	285,904	96
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	45,000	13,000	58,000	57,328	672
General Supplies	50,000	(15,000)	35,000	34,868	132
Textbooks	50,000	(6,000)	44,000	43,902	98
Other Objects	15,000	(12,500)	2,500	2,114	386
TOTAL REGULAR PROGRAMS - INSTRUCTION	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>2,080,500</u>	<u>2,075,177</u>	<u>5,323</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
Support Services - General Administrative					
Salaries of Administrative Salaries	\$300,000	\$10,000	\$310,000	\$309,039	\$961
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	135,000	2,200	137,200	137,056	144
Cost of Benefits	565,000	(84,900)	480,100	326,384	153,716
Professional/Tech Services	37,600	(15,000)	22,600	17,336	5,264
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	55,000	(8,000)	47,000	46,884	116
Communications/Telephone	14,000	2,000	16,000	15,647	353
Supplies and Materials	20,000	4,000	24,000	23,902	98
Miscellaneous	10,000	(4,800)	5,200	4,464	736
	<u>1,136,600</u>	<u>(94,500)</u>	<u>1,042,100</u>	<u>880,712</u>	<u>161,388</u>
Support Services - School Admin/Operation Plant Services					
Salaries	290,000	14,000	304,000	303,805	\$195
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	30,000	0	30,000	16,000	14,000
Other Purchased Services	25,000	0	25,000	14,521	10,479
Rent	285,000	0	285,000	252,713	32,287
Insurance	55,000	0	55,000	54,783	217
General Supplies	23,500	0	23,500	19,001	4,499
Transportation- Trips	0	0	0	0	0
Energy (Energy and Electricity)	42,500	0	42,500	34,000	8,500
Miscellaneous	30,000	0	30,000	11,993	18,007
Total Undist. Expend. - Other Oper. & Maint. Of Plant	<u>781,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>	<u>795,000</u>	<u>706,816</u>	<u>88,184</u>
Food Service					
Other Purchsed Saervices	0	0	0	0	0
Total Food Services	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
On-behalf TPAF Medical Contributions (non-budgeted)				123,846	(123,846)
On-behalf TPAF pension Contributions (non-budgeted)				150,019	(150,019)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (non-budgeted)			0	137,588	(137,588)
TOTAL ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS			<u>0</u>	<u>411,453</u>	<u>(411,453)</u>
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES					
	1,917,600	(80,500)	1,837,100	1,998,981	(161,881)
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE	<u>3,917,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,917,600</u>	<u>4,074,158</u>	<u>(156,558)</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Equipment					
Regular Programs - Instruction:					
Instructional Equipment	30,000	0	30,000	25,789	4,211
Non-instructional equipment	150,000	(115,000)	35,000	24,808	10,192
Purchased Improvements	0	115,000	115,000	110,953	4,047
Miscellaneous	5,000	0	5,000	5,014	(14)
Total Equipment	<u>185,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>185,000</u>	<u>166,564</u>	<u>18,436</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES- GENERAL FUND	4,102,600	0	4,102,600	4,240,722	(138,122)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures				23,362	(23,362)
Other Financing Sources:					
Operating Transfer In:				0	
Total Other Financing Sources:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	23,362	(23,362)
Fund Balance, July 1, 2016	0	0		241,147	0
			0	0	
Fund Balance, June 30, 2017	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$264,509</u>	<u>(\$23,362)</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Special Revenue Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
REVENUES:					
Local Sources	\$121,383		\$121,383	\$121,383	
State Sources	-		-	-	
Federal Sources	253,839		253,839	253,839	
Total Revenues	<u>375,222</u>		<u>375,222</u>	<u>375,222</u>	
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	166,900		166,900	166,900	
Other Salaries for Instruction					
Purchased Professional -Educational Services	78,258		78,258	78,258	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	-		-	-	
Tutoring Program	-		-	-	
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	38,187		38,187	38,187	
Instructional Supplies	56,383		56,383	56,383	
Textbooks					
General Supplies	-		-	-	
Personal Services- Employee Benefits	23,894		23,894	23,894	
Other Objects	-		-	-	
Instructional Equipment	11,600		11,600	11,600	
Total Instruction	<u>375,222</u>		<u>375,222</u>	<u>375,222</u>	
Support Services					
Salaries of Supervisor of Instruction					
Salaries of Program Directors	-		-	-	
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	-		-	-	
Salaries of Secretaries & Clerical Assistants					
Communication	-		-	-	
Personal Services - Employee Benefits					
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	-		-	-	
Other Purchased Professional Services					
Supplies and Materials					
Security					
Scholarships					
Furniture and Fixtures					
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)					
Field trips					
Total Support Services	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Special Revenue Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
Buildings Improvements		-	-	-	-
Instructional Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Noninstructional Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfer to Charter School	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>375,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,222</u>	<u>375,222</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfer in from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Out to Whole School Reform (General Fund)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Outflows	<u>375,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,222</u>	<u>375,222</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)					
Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Note to RSI
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

**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

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
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>	<u>2013</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.5823000%	0.0053800%	0.0049897%	0.0050289%
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>1,724,849</u>	<u>1,207,818</u>	<u>934,200</u>	<u>961,129</u>
Charter School Covered employee payroll	\$437,002	\$254,532	\$338,985	\$377,108
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	395.0%	474.6%	275.59%	254.87%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	25.3%	21.1%	36.29%	39.24%

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

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
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>	<u>2013</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$52,747	\$46,258	\$41,134	\$37,892
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(52,747)</u>	<u>(46,258)</u>	<u>(41,134)</u>	<u>(37,892)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Charter School Covered employee payroll	437,002	254,532	377,108	338,985
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	12.1%	18.2%	10.9%	11.2%

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

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
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>	<u>2013</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)**	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)**	0	0	0	0
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the Charter School	<u>8,279,173</u>	<u>4,794,595</u>	<u>2,409,571</u>	<u>1,840,096</u>
Total	<u>8,279,173</u>	<u>4,794,595</u>	<u>2,409,571</u>	<u>1,840,096</u>
Charter School Covered employee payroll	1,620,499	1,389,109	912,948	812,900
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	22.33%	28.71%	33.64%	33.76%

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

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PENSION SCHEDULES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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. 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.

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.

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures- Budgetary Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	TITLE	TITLE	IDEA	IDEA	OPENING	SIMON			
	TOTAL	IA	IIA	BASIC	Preschool	DAY	Library	TECCS	ARTER
						FUND	GRANT	Foundation	GRANT
REVENUES									
Intergovernmental									
State									
Federal	253,839	\$192,649	\$773	\$59,295	\$1,122	\$0			
Other Sources	121,383					1,383	35,000	75,000	10,000
Miscellaneous									
Total Revenues	375,222	192,649	773	59,295	1,122	1,383	35,000	75,000	10,000
EXPENDITURES									
Instruction									
Salaries	166,900	66,400		25,500				75,000	
Transportation	0								
Other Purchased services	38,187	21,500		15,565	1,122				
Purchased Prof. and Tech. Services	78,258	77,485	773						
General Supplies	56,383	10,000		0		1,383	35,000		10,000
Textbooks									
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	23,894	17,264		6,630					
Other Objects									
Non Instructional equipment	11,600			11,600					
Total Instruction	375,222	192,649	773	59,295	1,122	1,383	35,000	75,000	10,000
Support Services									
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction									
Salaries of Program Directors									
Salaries of Other Prof. Staff									
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Ass't									
Other Purchased Services									
Security	0								0
Supplies and Materials									
Other Purchased Services									
Purchased Professional/Educational Ser									
Scholarships									
Field Trips	0								0
Furniture and Fixtures									
Total Support Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$375,222	\$192,649	\$773	\$59,295	\$1,122	\$1,383	\$35,000	\$75,000	\$10,000

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

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.

Exhibit G-1

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
As of June 30, 2017

	Business-Type Activities
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$32,287
Intergovernmental Receivable	
Federal	6,784
State	147
Accounts Receivable	3,951
Total Current Assets	<u>43,169</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$43,169</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to Fund	\$37,629
Accounts Payable	5,540
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$43,169</u>
 Net Position	
Unrestricted	0
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u> Enterprise Fund Food Services	<u>Business-Type Activities</u> Enterprise Fund After Care Program	<u>Business-Type Activities</u> Total
OPERATING REVENUES			
Local Sources			
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Programs		---	
Special Lunch and Breakfast Program	\$62,493		\$62,493
Miscellaneous Revenue		135,350	135,350
Total Operating Revenues	<u>62,493</u>	<u>135,350</u>	<u>197,843</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	(30,495)	(40,103)	(70,598)
Supplies, Materials & Other	(121,636)	(603)	(122,239)
Afterschool Technical Services		(92,534)	(92,534)
Depreciation			
Benefits	(3,988)	(2,110)	(6,098)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>(156,119)</u>	<u>(135,350)</u>	<u>(291,469)</u>
Income (Loss) From Operations	<u>(93,626)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(93,626)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues			
Transfer of Revenue	0	0	0
State Sources			0
National School Lunch	1,901		1,901
State Breakfast	0		0
Federal Sources			0
School Breakfast Program	6,362		6,362
National School Lunch Program	85,363		85,363
National Snack Program			
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>93,626</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>93,626</u>
Net Income (Loss)	0	0	0
Total Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash Received from Customers	194,626
Cash Payments to Employee's Salaries and Benefits	
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(283,507)
Net Cash (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>(88,881)</u>
 Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
Cash Received from General Fund Transfer (Contribution)	0
Cash Received from State and Federal Subsidy Reimbursements	91,400
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>91,400</u>
 Cash Flows from Investing Activities	---
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	---
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,519
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	29,768
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$32,287</u>
 Reconciliation of Operating (Loss) to Net Cash	
Used by Operating Activities	
Operating Profit (Loss)	\$0
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating (Loss) to	
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
Depreciation	
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(5,443)
USDA Commodities	
Change in Assets and Liabilities	
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	7,962
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	
Increase/(Decrease) in Interfund	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Inventory	
Total Adjustment	<u>2,519</u>
 Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u>\$2,519</u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Combining Statement of Agency Funds Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
As of June 30, 2017

	<u>Student</u> <u>Activity</u>	<u>Payroll</u> <u>Agency</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$3,535	\$211,449	\$214,984
Total Assets	\$3,535	\$211,449	\$214,984
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities			
Intergovernmental Payable - State			
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	\$3,535	\$211,449	\$214,984
College Trust Fund			0
Due to Student Groups			0
Total Liabilities	3,535	211,449	214,984
Net Position			
Reserve For Unemploy. Trust Fund			
Total Net Position	0	0	0
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$3,535	\$211,449	\$214,984

Exhibit H-2

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Nonexpendable Trust Fund
Combining Statement of Agency Fund Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
As of June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Student Activity Account
Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements
Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

Not Applicable

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Payroll Agency Fund
Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements
Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>
ASSETS				
Cash	\$0	\$1,967,567	\$1,967,567	\$0
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>1,967,567</u>	<u>1,967,567</u>	<u>0</u>
LIABILITIES				
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	0	345,555	345,555	0
Accrued Salaries and Wages	<u> </u>	<u>1,622,012</u>	<u>1,622,012</u>	<u> </u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,967,567</u>	<u>\$1,967,567</u>	<u>\$0</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2017</u>
ASSETS				
Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
LIABILITIES				
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
NET POSITION				
Reserve for Unemployment Compensation	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, note disclosures, and required supplementary information says about the school's overall financial health.

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Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

FINANCIAL TRENDS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Governmental activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 216,592	\$ 124,613	\$ 140,813	\$ 99,263	\$ 98,170	\$ 60,151
Restricted	125,000	125,000	80,000			
Unrestricted	264,520	241,146	209,983	244,841	227,094	183,181
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 606,112</u>	<u>\$ 490,759</u>	<u>\$ 430,796</u>	<u>\$ 344,104</u>	<u>\$ 325,264</u>	<u>\$ 243,332</u>
Business-type activities						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt						
Restricted						
Unrestricted	-	-	-	-	1,825	440
Total business-type activities net position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,825</u>	<u>\$ 440</u>
School-wide						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 216,592	\$ 124,613	\$ 140,813	\$ 99,263	\$ 98,170	\$ 60,151
Restricted	125,000	125,000	80,000			
Unrestricted	264,520	241,146	209,983	244,841	228,919	183,621
Total school net position	<u>\$ 606,112</u>	<u>\$ 490,759</u>	<u>\$ 430,796</u>	<u>\$ 344,104</u>	<u>\$ 327,089</u>	<u>\$ 243,772</u>

Source: School Financial Statements

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
ACCURAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Expenses						
Governmental activities						
Instruction						
Regular	\$ 2,450,399	\$ 2,146,113	\$ 1,879,015	\$ 1,758,979	\$ 1,395,555	\$ 989,696
Support Services:						
General administration	880,712	828,320	803,066	607,261	576,317	628,263
School Administrative Services	706,816	735,736	653,229	646,636	539,439	377,002
On-behalf TPAF Social Security	411,453	308,576	219,737	148,565	121,185	85,452
Capital outlay	166,564	42,406	87,110	36,059	47,697	5,996
Unallocated depreciation	18,974	16,200	13,450	12,757	22,463	6,082
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>4,634,918</u>	<u>4,077,351</u>	<u>3,655,607</u>	<u>3,210,257</u>	<u>2,702,656</u>	<u>2,092,491</u>
Business-type activities:						
Food service	291,469	259,511	256,492	206,808	151,659	122,460
Child Care	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities expense	<u>291,469</u>	<u>259,511</u>	<u>256,492</u>	<u>206,808</u>	<u>151,659</u>	<u>122,460</u>
Total school expenses	<u>\$ 4,926,387</u>	<u>\$ 4,336,862</u>	<u>\$ 3,912,099</u>	<u>\$ 3,417,065</u>	<u>\$ 2,854,315</u>	<u>\$ 2,214,951</u>
Program Revenues						
Governmental activities:						
Charges for services:						
Instruction (tuition)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pupil transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central and other support services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating grants and contributions	375,222	301,734	189,942	237,523	163,652	90,945
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities program revenues	<u>375,222</u>	<u>301,734</u>	<u>189,942</u>	<u>237,523</u>	<u>163,652</u>	<u>90,945</u>
Business-type activities:						
Charges for services						
Food service	291,469	259,511	256,492	204,983	153,044	122,572
Child care	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business type activities program revenues	<u>291,469</u>	<u>259,511</u>	<u>256,492</u>	<u>204,983</u>	<u>153,044</u>	<u>122,572</u>
Total school program revenues	<u>\$ 666,691</u>	<u>\$ 561,245</u>	<u>\$ 446,434</u>	<u>\$ 442,506</u>	<u>\$ 316,696</u>	<u>\$ 213,517</u>
Net (Expense)/Revenue						
Governmental activities	\$ (4,259,696)	\$ (3,775,617)	\$ (3,465,665)	\$ (2,972,734)	\$ (2,539,004)	\$ (2,001,546)
Business-type activities	-	-	-	(1,825)	1,385	112
Total school-wide net expense	<u>\$ (4,259,696)</u>	<u>\$ (3,775,617)</u>	<u>\$ (3,465,665)</u>	<u>\$ (2,974,559)</u>	<u>\$ (2,537,619)</u>	<u>\$ (2,001,434)</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position						
Governmental activities:						
Local share	\$ 1,006,034	\$ 937,299	\$ 856,311	\$ 733,649	\$ 601,392	\$ 476,277
State Share	2,453,829	2,273,411	2,125,441	1,880,073	1,624,109	1,323,569
State aid	697,540	538,627	436,027	314,604	252,261	179,758
Philanthropic Support	106,681	86,244	79,578	49,398	82,692	96,816
Increase in Net Capital Outlay	-	-	55,000	13,850	22,463	24,209
Investment earnings	-	-	-	-	-	2,193
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	<u>4,264,084</u>	<u>3,835,581</u>	<u>3,552,357</u>	<u>2,991,574</u>	<u>2,582,917</u>	<u>2,102,822</u>
Business-type activities:						
Investment earnings					-	-
Transfers					-	-
Total business-type activities					<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total school-wide	<u>4,264,084</u>	<u>3,835,581</u>	<u>3,552,357</u>	<u>2,991,574</u>	<u>\$ 2,582,917</u>	<u>\$ 2,102,822</u>
Change in Net Position						
Governmental activities	\$ 4,388	\$ 59,964	\$ 86,692	\$ 18,840	\$ 43,913	\$ 101,276
Business-type activities	-	-	-	(1,825)	1,385	112
Total school	<u>\$ 4,388</u>	<u>\$ 59,964</u>	<u>\$ 86,692</u>	<u>\$ 17,015</u>	<u>\$ 45,298</u>	<u>\$ 101,388</u>

Source: School Financial Statements

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
General Fund						
Reserved	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 50,000	-
Unreserved	264,509	241,146	209,983	17,984	177,034	183,181
Total General Fund	\$ 389,509	\$ 366,146	\$ 289,983	\$ 82,984	\$ 227,034	\$ 183,181
All Other Governmental Funds						
Reserved						
Unreserved, reported in:						
Special revenue fund						
Capital projects fund						
Debt service fund						
Permanent fund						
Total all other governmental funds	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: School Financial Statements

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Revenues						
Local tax Levy	\$ 1,006,034	\$ 937,299	\$ 856,311	\$ 733,649	\$ 601,392	\$ 476,277
Other local revenue	228,064	138,051	140,578	197,670	153,118	134,561
State sources	3,151,369	2,812,038	2,561,468	2,194,677	1,876,370	1,503,327
Enterprise fund	291,469	259,511	256,492	204,983	153,344	122,572
Federal sources	253,839	249,927	128,942	89,251	93,226	55,393
Total revenue	<u>4,930,775</u>	<u>4,396,826</u>	<u>3,943,791</u>	<u>3,420,230</u>	<u>2,877,450</u>	<u>2,292,130</u>
Expenditures						
Instruction						
Regular Instruction	2,075,177	1,844,379	1,702,872	1,585,956	1,238,244	927,801
Support Services:						
General administration	880,712	828,320	789,267	542,761	569,976	599,213
School administrative services/Plant	706,816	735,736	653,228	795,201	660,624	377,002
On-Behalf TPAF	411,453	308,576	219,737	206,808	151,659	85,452
Capital outlay	166,564	42,406	87,110	36,059	47,697	122,460
Enterprise Fund	291,469	259,511	256,492			
Debt service:						
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	5,996
Interest and other charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Revenue	375,222	301,734	189,942	237,523	163,652	90,945
Total expenditures	<u>4,907,413</u>	<u>4,320,662</u>	<u>3,898,648</u>	<u>3,404,308</u>	<u>2,831,852</u>	<u>2,208,869</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	23,362	76,164	45,143	15,922	45,598	83,261
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)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 23,362</u>	<u>\$ 76,164</u>	<u>\$ 45,143</u>	<u>\$ 15,922</u>	<u>\$ 45,598</u>	<u>\$ 83,261</u>
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Source: School Financial Statements

REVENUE CAPACITY

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
General Fund - Other Local Revenue By Source
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>Sale of Capital Assets</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Rentals</u>	<u>Prior Year Refunds</u>	<u>Sale and Leaseback of Textbooks</u>	<u>Other Local</u>	<u>Annual Totals</u>
2012		96,815				2,193	99,008
2013		76,911				5,781	82,692
2014		49,398					49,398
2015		79,578					79,578
2016		86,244					86,244
2017						106,681	106,681

Source: School Financial Statements

Exhibit J-6

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit J-7

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit J-8

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Principal Property Taxpayers
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

DEBT CAPACITY

Exhibit J-9

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Property Tax Levies and Collections
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit J-10

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit J-11

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Ratios of Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit J-12

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION

Exhibit J-13

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Legal Debt Margin Information
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Demographic and Economic Statistics
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

**OPERATING INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)**

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Principal Employers
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Full-time Equivalent School Employees by Function/Program
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30
(UNAUDITED)

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Instruction						
Regular	26	23	20	18	16	13
Special education	6	6	5	4	3	2
Other special education	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vocational	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other instruction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonpublic school programs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult/continuing education programs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support Services:						
Student & instruction related services	11	12	12	11	10	9
General administration	3	3	3	3	3	3
School administrative services	4	4	4	4	2	1
Other administrative services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Information Technology	1	1	1	1	-	-
Plant operations and maintenance	2	2	2	2	1	-
Pupil transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other support services*	1	1	-	-	-	-
Special Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Child Care	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>54</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>28</u>

*Fundraising

Source: School Personnel Records

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Operating Statistics
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30
(UNAUDITED)

Pupil/Teacher Ratio

Fiscal Year	Enroll	Operating Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff	Elementary	Middle School	Senior High School	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	% Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2012	199.0	2,086,409	10,484	15.9%	13	13	0	0	198.2	188.9	36.2%	94.9%
2013	237.0	2,831,852	11,948	14.0%	16	16	0	0	236.7	222.0	17.5%	93.8%
2014	275.0	3,145,919	11,440	(4.3%)	18	18	0	0	275.0	262.0	16.2%	95.0%
2015	311.0	3,642,157	11,711	2.36%	20	18	2	0	307.7	295.0	11.9%	95.9%
2016	339.5	3,867,294	11,391	2.73%	23	19	4	0	335.9	323.4	9.6%	96.3%
2017	367.8	4,991,166	11,806	3.6%	26	20	6	0	367.8	353.0	8.3%	96.0%

Sources: School records

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
School Building Information
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>School Building</u>						
Building						
Square Feet	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,000	20,000
Capacity (students)	396.0	339.5	311	280	240	160
Enrollment	367.8	339.5	311	275	240	160
Number of Schools at June 30						
Elementary	1	1	1	1	1	1

Source: School Office

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
General Fund - Schedule of Required Maintenance
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit J-20

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Insurance Schedule
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
School Package Policy (1)		
Commercial Property	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,000
Boiler and Machinery	1,000,000	5,000
General Automobile Liability	11,000,000	1,000
School Board Legal Liability	11,000,000	10,000
Terrorism	1,000,000	10,000
Employee Dishonesty	500,000	-
Umbrella	1,000,000	-
Workers' Compensation	2,000,000	-
Surety Bond - Public Official		
School Business Administrator	150,000	-

**CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
FRAMEWORK FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - FINANCIAL RATIOS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
(UNAUDITED)

Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators
Sustainability Indicators

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Cash	\$563,120	\$296,640	\$350,309	\$509,468	\$454,291	\$454,346
Current Assets	977,513	897,705	720,773	700,563	610,264	553,830
Total Assets	<u>977,513</u>	<u>1,022,310</u>	<u>720,773</u>	<u>700,563</u>	<u>610,264</u>	<u>553,830</u>
Current Liabilities	588,004	531,559	430,790	455,722	381,345	370,209
Total Liabilities	<u>588,004</u>	<u>531,559</u>	<u>430,790</u>	<u>455,722</u>	<u>381,345</u>	<u>370,209</u>
Net Position	<u>389,509</u>	<u>490,759</u>	<u>430,796</u>	<u>244,841</u>	<u>228,919</u>	<u>183,621</u>
Total Revenue	5,041,728	4,078,892	3,795,399	3,215,247	2,877,150	2,292,130
Total Expenses	<u>4,926,387</u>	<u>4,018,928</u>	<u>(3,708,707)</u>	<u>(3,197,500)</u>	<u>(2,831,852)</u>	<u>(2,208,869)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>115,341</u>	<u>59,964</u>	<u>86,692</u>	<u>17,747</u>	<u>45,298</u>	<u>83,261</u>
Depreciation	18,974	16,200	13,450	12,757	9,678	6,082
Principal Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Final average daily enrollment	370.0	339.5	311	275	238	198
March 30th budgeted Enrollment	370.0	339.5	311	276	237	190
Near term indicators	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
CURRENT RATIO	1.66	1.69	1.67	1.53	2.38	2.92
Unrestricted days cash	41.87	26.94	34.48	34.42	67.17	57.97
Enrollment variance	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Default	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - FINANCIAL RATIOS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

**Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators
Sustainability Indicators**

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Total Revenue	5,041,728	4,078,892	3,795,399	3,215,247	2,877,150	2,292,130
Total Expenses	<u>4,926,387</u>	<u>4,018,928</u>	<u>(3,708,707)</u>	<u>(3,197,500)</u>	<u>(2,831,852)</u>	<u>(2,208,869)</u>
Change in Net Position	<u><u>115,341</u></u>	<u><u>59,964</u></u>	<u><u>86,692</u></u>	<u><u>17,747</u></u>	<u><u>45,298</u></u>	<u><u>83,261</u></u>
Depreciation	18,974	0	13,450	12,757	9,678	6,082
Principal Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Final average daily enrollment	370.0	339.5	311	275	238	198
March 30th budgeted Enrollment	370.0	339.5	311	276	237	190
Sustainability Indicators	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Total Margin	2%	1%	2%	1%	7%	6%
Debt to Asset	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cash Flow	226,480	(53,669)	2,558	22,044	(55)	454,346
Debt Service Coverage ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION K

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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 Chairman and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
County of Hudson
Newark, 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 Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City ("the Charter School"), in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, 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 December 2, 2017.

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*.

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. 20CS00206400



Gerald D. Longo
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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 OMB'S CIRCULAR LETTER 15-08**

The Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City
County of Hudson
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Compliance

I have audited the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey's ("the Charter School") with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Uniform Guidance 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, 2017. 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, 2017.

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. 20CS00206400

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald D. Longo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant
December 2, 2017

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY

EXHIBIT K-3

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>Federal/Grantor Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA/GRANT Project Number</u>	<u>Federal Award Identification Number</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Prior Carry over</u>	<u>Cash Received</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Refund of Prior Years' Balances</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Deferred Revenue/ (Accounts Receivable) June 30, 2017</u>	<u>Due to Grantor at June 30, 2017</u>
Enterprise Fund:												
U.S. Department of Agriculture												
Pass-Through Programs:												
Passed-Through New Jersey												
State Department of Agriculture												
National School Breakfast	10.553	17NJ304N1099	07/01/16-06/30/17	6,362	(116)		\$6,187	\$6,362			(291)	
National School Lunch	10.555	17NJ304N1099	07/01/16-06/30/17	85,363	(4,489)		\$83,359	\$85,363			(6,493)	
							<u>\$89,546</u>	<u>\$91,725</u>				
Special Revenue Fund:												
U.S. Department of Education												
Pass-Through Programs:												
Passed-Through New Jersey												
State Department of Education												
IDEA Preschool	84.173	H0173A150100	07/01/16-06/30/17	1,122	(1,053)		2,175	1,122			0	
IDEA Part B Basic	84.027	H027A160100	07/01/16-06/30/17	59,295	(59,730)		119,025	59,295			0	
Title I Part A	84.010A	SOIOA160030	07/01/16-06/30/17	192,649	(188,026)		380,675	192,649			0	
Title II Part A	84.318	S367A150029	07/01/16-06/30/17	773	(1,118)		1,891	773			0	
Total US Dept. of Education, Pass Through Programs					<u>(248,874)</u>		<u>503,766</u>	<u>253,839</u>			<u>(6,784)</u>	<u>---</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards					<u>(\$254,532)</u>		<u>\$593,312</u>	<u>\$437,289</u>			<u>(\$6,784)</u>	<u>---</u>

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

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

<u>State Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Grant or State Project Number</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Cash Received</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Prior Years' Balances</u>	<u>Adjust.</u>	<u>Receivable at June 30, 2017</u>
NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION									
GENERAL FUND									
TPAF Social Security	17-495-034-5095-003	7/1/16-06/30/17	137,588		137,588	137,588			
Equalization Aid - Local	17-495-034-5120-078	7/1/16-06/30/17	1,006,034		1,006,034	1,006,034			
Equalization Aid - State	17-495-034-5120-078	7/1/16-06/30/17	2,453,829		2,453,829	2,453,829			
Adjustment Aid	17-495-034-5120-085	7/1/16-06/30/17	37,883		37,883	37,883			
Special Education Aid	17-495-034-5120-089	7/1/16-06/30/17	163,924		163,924	163,924			
Security Aid	17-495-034-5020-084	7/1/16-06/30/17	84,280		84,280	84,280			
Total General Fund/Total State Department of Education				--	3,883,538	3,883,538			
ENTERPRISE FUND									
State School Lunch	17-100-010-3350-023	7/1/16-06/30/17	1,901	(100)	1,854	1,901			(147)
Total Enterprise				(100)	1,854	1,901			(147)
Total State Financial Assistance subject to Single Audit				--	3,885,392	3,885,439			(147)
On Behalf Medical and Pension	17-495-034-5095-050	7/1/16-06/30/17	273,865		273,865	273,865			
Total State Financial Assistance					4,159,257	4,159,304			

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

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL
AND STATE ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

NOTE 1. GENERAL

The accompanying schedules present the activity of all federal and state assistance programs of the Ethical Community Charter School of Jersey City. 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 (GASB 34).

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:

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL
AND STATE ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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	\$ ---	\$3,883,538	\$3,883,538
Special Revenue Fund	253,839	-0-	253,839
Food Service Fund	<u>91,725</u>	<u>1,901</u>	<u>93,626</u>
Total Awards and Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 345,564</u>	<u>\$3,885,439</u>	<u>\$4,231,003</u>

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 paid by the state on behalf of the Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2017. TPAF Social Security Contributions of \$137,588 represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2017.

NOTE 6. ON-BEHALF PROGRAMS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE SINGLE AUDIT

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension \$150,019 and Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions \$123,846 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.

NOTE 7. DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The School has not elected to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor’s report issued:	Unmodified	
	<u>YES</u>	<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:	N/A	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be Reported in accordance with 2CFR 200.156(A)?	X	

Identification of major programs:

<u>CDEFA 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:		X

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
 COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS (continued)

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:	Unmodified	
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:	Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be Reported in accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 15-08?		X
Identification of major programs:		
<u>GMIS Number(s)</u>		<u>Name of State Program or Cluster</u>
17-495-034-5120-078		Equalization Aid - Local/State - Cluster

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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.

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

**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.

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF JERSEY CITY
SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE OF PRIOR-YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS
AND QUESTIONED COSTS AS PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

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.