

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

**COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL
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(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

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Christopher Perpich, *Principal*



January 19, 2021

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Trustees
Achieve Community Charter School
County of Essex
Newark, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to present to you the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Achieve Community Charter School (Charter School) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This CAFR includes the Charter School's Basic Financial Statements prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34.

The Charter School has elected to adopt this new financial reporting model which we believe will provide all users of this document with much more useful financial and statistical information than ever before. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Board of Trustees (Board).

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Charter School. This report will provide the taxpayers of the Charter School with comprehensive financial data in a format enabling them to gain an understanding of the Charter School's financial affairs.

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

- The Introductory Section contains a table of contents, Letter of Transmittal, List of Principal Officials, and an Organizational Chart of the Charter School;
- The Financial Section begins with the Independent Auditor's Report and includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and Notes providing an overview of the Charter School's financial position and operating results, and other schedules providing detailed budgetary information;
- The Statistical Section includes selected economic and demographic information, financial trends, and the fiscal capacity of the Charter School, generally presented on a multi-year basis;
- The Single Audit Section — The Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the New Jersey State Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular Letter 15-08-OMB, "*Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*".

Information related to this single audit, including the independent auditor's report on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, along with findings and questioned costs, are included in the single audit section of this report.

Charter School Organization

The Board of Trustees is comprised of five voting members and are elected to oversee that the Charter School operates in compliance with statute and administrative code. Voting members of the Board serve as the official governing body of the Charter School charged with policy making, fiscal oversight, and accountability for student academic achievement results of the Charter School. Voting members adopt the annual budget and directly approve all expenditures which serve as the basis for control for the authorization of all expenditures of Charter School tax money which in turn support the Charter School's business to promote academic achievement. Non-voting members include the Charter School's Principal and Vice-Principal, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and faculty representative.

The Principal of the Charter School is responsible to the board for the implementation and administration of all educational and support operations. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is the chief financial officer of the Charter School and is responsible to the Board for maintaining all financial records, issuing warrants in payment of liabilities incurred by the Charter School, acting as custodian of all Charter School funds, and investing idle funds as permitted by New Jersey Law.

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

The Charter School provides a full range of educational services appropriate to grade levels K through 4. These include both regular and special education programs. As of June 30, 2020, the Charter School's final head count was 306 students.

2. **MAJOR INITIATIVES:** The following are the major initiatives successfully implemented at the Charter School for 2019-2020 school year:

The major initiatives are building the curriculum for rigorous literacy and math instruction through the adoption a new curriculums. Teachers and leaders will be trained in summer institute and on bi-weekly professional development.

The Charter School also adopted a new guided reading framework in kindergarten to second grade and close reading in third grade. Teachers and leaders were professionally developed to implement the curriculum.

Social emotional learning and support was developed through the addition of a vice principal of culture as well as an associate dean. These two positions provided direct support to teachers and administrators in meeting the needs of our most struggling students.

3. **INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS:** Management of the Charter School is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control designed to ensure that the assets of the Charter School are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met.

INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS – CONTINUED

The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

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

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

4. **BUDGETARY CONTROLS:** In addition to internal accounting controls, the Charter School maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the voters of the municipality. 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 cancelled or are included as re-appropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be re-appropriated at June 30, 2020.

5. **ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS:** The Charter School's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting system of the Charter School is organized on the basis of funds each of which maintains a self-balancing set of accounts. These funds are explained in the "Notes to the Basic Financial Statements."
6. **DEBT ADMINISTRATION:** At June 30, 2020, the Charter School has no outstanding debt.
7. **CASH MANAGEMENT:** The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Basic Financial Statement" Notes 1 and 3. The Charter School had adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Government Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

8. **RISK MANAGEMENT:** The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, automobile liability and comprehensive/collision, hazard and theft insurance and fidelity bonds.

9. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Independent Audit

State statute requires an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The Charter School appointed the accounting firm of Galleros Robinson CPAs, LLP. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of the New Jersey Letter Circular Letter 15-08-OMB.

The auditor's report on the basic financial statements, combining and individual fund statements, and schedules are included in the financial section of this report. The auditor's reports related specifically to the single audit are included in the single audit section of this report.

10. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** I would like to express my appreciation to the Board of Trustees of Achieve Community Charter School for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the Charter School and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation.

Respectfully submitted,



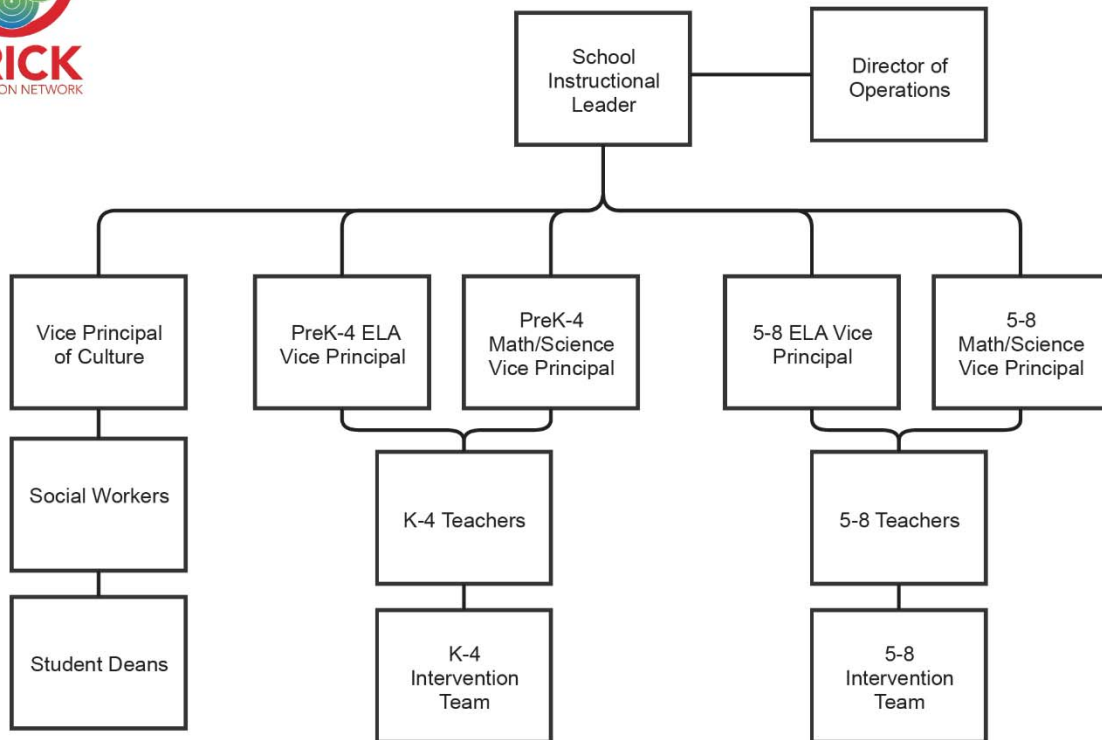
Carriean Zielinski
School Business Administrator

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ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

JUNE 30, 2020

Board of Trustees

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	TERM
Sally Booth, Board Chair	June 30, 2021
Ronald Augustin, Vice Chair	June 30, 2020
Sonia Rodrigues-Martó, Trustee	June 30, 2020
Charisse Carrion, Trustee	June 30, 2022
Claudia Vazquez, Trustee	July 1, 2020

OTHER OFFICIALS

Dominique Lee, Founder and Chief Executive Officer

Christopher Perpich, Chief School Administrator

Carriean Zielinski, Board Secretary/Business Administrator

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FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Achieve Community Charter School
County of Essex
Newark, New Jersey

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Achieve Community Charter School (the Charter School), in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Achieve Community Charter School, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 11 through 16, Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 51 through 54, and information related to Accounting and Reporting for Pensions (GASB 68) and OPEB (GASB 75) on pages 55 through 59 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements. The accompanying introductory section and statistical information are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such other information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

The accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements are also presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance (Schedules) are also presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by 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 OMB's Letter Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid* respectively, and are not also a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 19, 2021 on our consideration of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Our report thereon, was not changed as a result of the financial statements described in Note 11 to the financial statements.



Leonora Galleros, CPA
Public School Accountant
PSA No. 20CS00239400



Galleros Robinson CPAs, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

January 19, 2021
Cream Ridge, New Jersey

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART I

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The discussion and analysis of Achieve Community Charter School's (the Charter School) financial performance provides an overall review of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2020. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Charter School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Charter School's financial performance.

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

Introduction

This section of the Charter School's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Charter School's financial performance and provides an overview of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. It should be read in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Charter School's financial statements, which follow this section.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Financial Highlights

Key Financial highlights for the fiscal year 2020 are as follows:

- In total, net position increased to \$46,969 in 2020.
- General revenues accounted for \$4.42 million or 80% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, operating grants and contributions accounted for \$1.09 million or 20% of total revenues of \$5.51 million.
- The Charter School had \$5.47 million in expenses; only \$1.09 million of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$4.42 million was adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among governmental funds, the General Fund had \$5.39 million in revenues and \$5.35 million in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$35,148 in 2020.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

Basic Financial Statements

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

The report is organized so the reader can understand the Achieve Community Charter School as a financial whole, or as an entire operating entity. The first two basic financial statements, the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, are governmental-wide financial statements and provide overall information about the activities of the entire Charter School, presenting both an aggregate view of the Charter School's finances and a long-term view of those finances.

Fund Financial Statements

The remaining basic financial statements are fund financial statements that focus on the individual parts of the government, reporting the Charter School's operation in more detail than the government-wide statements. The fund financial statements also look at the Charter School's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in a single column. For the Achieve Community Charter School, the General Fund is the most significant fund.

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

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

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

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

Statement of Net Position and Statements of Activities

While this report contains the funds used by the Charter School to provide programs and activities, the view of the Charter School as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "how did we do financially during fiscal year 2020?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These statements include all the Charter School's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting system used by most private sector companies. These bases of accounting take into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash was received or paid.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

These two statements report the Charter School's net position and changes in the net position. This change in net position is important because it identifies whether the financial position of the Charter School has improved or diminished for the Charter School as a whole. This change is the result of many factors some financial, some not. Financial factors represent increases in federal and state funding that resulted from the increase in enrollment noted for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. These factors are presented in our discussions on the Charter School as a whole. Non-financial factors include the property tax base of the School District where the Charter School is located, current educational funding laws in New Jersey, facilities conditions, required educational programs, and other factors. In the Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities, the Charter School is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

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

Business-Type Activity – Services are provided on a charge for goods or services or reimbursement basis to recover the expenses of the goods or services provided. The Food Service enterprise fund is reported as a business activity.

Reporting the School Charter School's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Charter School's major funds, not the Charter School as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Charter School uses to keep track of a multitude of financial transactions. The Charter School's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

Governmental Funds

Most of the Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year-end for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The governmental fund statement provides a detailed short-term view of the Charter School's general government operations and the basic services it provides.

Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are sufficient financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship, or differences, between governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and the governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

Enterprise Fund

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

The Charter School as a Whole

The perspective of the Statement of Net Position is of the Charter School as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the Charter School's net position at June 30, 2020.

The total net position of the Charter School has increased by \$43,570 during the current fiscal year.

The table that follows reflects the change in net position for fiscal year 2020.

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Assets			
Current Assets	\$ 887,796	\$ 29,071	\$ 916,867
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	814,856	55,042	869,898
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>814,856</u>	<u>55,042</u>	<u>869,898</u>
Net Position			
Restricted for Food Service	25,971	-	25,971
Unrestricted	<u>46,969</u>	<u>(25,971)</u>	<u>20,998</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 72,940</u>	<u>\$ (25,971)</u>	<u>\$ 46,969</u>

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

In 2020, total revenues amounted to \$5.51 million and total expenses amounted to \$5.47 million.

	Governmental		Business Type		Total	
	Activities		Activities			
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
Revenues						
Program Revenues:						
Charge for Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45	\$ 254	\$ 45	\$ 254
Grants and Contributions	962,610	794,015	125,147	123,617	1,087,757	917,632
Total Program Revenues	962,610	794,015	125,192	123,871	1,087,802	917,886
General Revenues:						
Local sources	925,620	432,026	-	-	925,620	432,026
Federal and State Aid	3,081,793	2,498,526	-	-	3,081,793	2,498,526
Contributions	335,996	120,000	-	-	335,996	120,000
Other	83,744	63,790	-	-	83,744	63,790
Total General Revenues	4,427,153	3,114,342	-	-	4,427,153	3,114,342
Total Revenues	5,389,763	3,908,357	125,192	123,871	5,514,955	4,032,228
Expenses:						
Instruction	3,333,485	2,370,936	-	-	3,333,485	2,370,936
Support Services:						
Administrative expenses	906,773	533,889	-	-	906,773	533,889
Other support expenses	1,114,357	868,343	-	-	1,114,357	868,343
Capital Outlay	-	135,934	-	-	-	135,934
Food service	-	-	116,770	158,263	116,770	158,263
Total Expenses	5,354,615	3,909,102	116,770	158,263	5,471,385	4,067,365
Changes in Net Position	\$ 35,148	\$ (745)	\$ 8,422	\$ (34,392)	\$ 43,570	\$ (35,137)

Governmental Activities

The Statement of Activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services and operating grants and contributions offsetting those services. The table below, for government activities, indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services. It identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted state entitlements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Business-Type Activity

The business-type activities of the Charter School are related to the food service operation with total revenues of \$125,192 and operating expenses of \$116,770 for fiscal year 2020.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

The Charter School's Funds

The Charter School's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had revenues of \$5.39 million and expenditures of \$5.35 million.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

During the course of fiscal year 2020, the Charter School amended its General Fund budget as needed. The Charter School uses state-aid and other revenue-based budget. The budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total budget, but provide flexibility for Charter School management teams.

For the General Fund, final budgeted revenues were \$4.01 million which included a local tax levy of \$0.5 million. Expenditures were budgeted at \$4.01 million. The Charter School anticipated a break even in fiscal year 2020. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, actual revenues were \$4.54 million and expenditures were \$4.50 million.

Reimbursement from the State of New Jersey during the year ended June 30, 2020 for the employer's share of social security contributions amounted to \$112,559 and there was no TPAF on-behalf TPAF payments for post-retirement medical benefits from the State.

Capital Assets

At the end of fiscal year 2020, the Charter School had no investment in capital assets.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The State of New Jersey continues to face serious budgetary constraints. These impacts the amount of state aid allocated to charter schools. This reality was taken into account when adopting the general fund budget for 2019-2020. Nothing was done to compromise the quality of the programs in place in our Charter School during the regular instructional day. The budget was prepared to ensure that all students have the textbooks, materials supplies, equipment and programs they need to meet New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Contacting the Charter School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Charter School's finances and to reflect the Charter School's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions about this report or additional financial information needs should be directed to: Achieve Community Charter School, Business Office, 534 Clinton Ave, Newark, NJ 07108.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CHARTER SCHOOL-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Charter School as a whole. The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the government and business-type activities of the Charter School at fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expense and program revenues for each program or function of the Charter School's governmental and business-type activities.

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 319,631	\$ 20	\$ 319,651
Accounts receivable	271,609	23,836	295,445
Interfund receivables (internal)	(5,215)	5,215	-
Other receivables	<u>301,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,771</u>
Total current assets	<u>887,796</u>	<u>29,071</u>	<u>916,867</u>
 Total assets	 <u>887,796</u>	 <u>29,071</u>	 <u>916,867</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	348,506	55,042	403,548
Intergovernmental payable:			
State	38,258	-	38,258
Federal	-	-	-
Interfund payables (fiduciary)	<u>88,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,002</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>474,766</u>	<u>55,042</u>	<u>529,808</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due within one year	-	-	-
Due in more than one year	<u>340,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,090</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>340,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,090</u>
 Total liabilities	 <u>814,856</u>	 <u>55,042</u>	 <u>869,898</u>
Net position			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	-	-	-
Restricted for Food Service	25,971		25,971
Unrestricted	<u>46,969</u>	<u>(25,971)</u>	<u>20,998</u>
 Total net position	 <u>\$ 72,940</u>	 <u>\$ (25,971)</u>	 <u>\$ 46,969</u>

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Totals
Governmental activities:						
Instruction	\$ 3,333,485	\$ -	\$ 613,402	\$ (2,720,083)	\$ -	\$ (2,720,083)
Administrative cost	906,773	-	15,304	(891,469)	-	(891,469)
Support services	1,114,357	-	333,904	(780,453)	-	(780,453)
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities	5,354,615	-	962,610	(4,392,005)	-	(4,392,005)
Business-type activities:						
Food Service	116,770	45	125,147	-	8,422	8,422
Total primary government	\$ 5,471,385	\$ 45	\$ 1,087,757	\$ (4,392,005)	\$ 8,422	\$ (4,383,583)
General revenues, transfers and special items:						
Local sources				\$ 925,620	-	\$ 925,620
State sources				3,081,793	-	3,081,793
Contributions				335,996	-	335,996
Miscellaneous				83,744	-	83,744
Total general revenues, transfers and special items				4,427,153	-	4,427,153
Changes in net position				35,148	8,422	43,570
Net position - beginning				37,792	(34,393)	3,399
Net position - ending (A-1)				\$ 72,940	\$ (25,971)	\$ 46,969

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 319,631	\$ -	\$ 319,631
Accounts receivable:			
State	270,311	-	270,311
Federal	-	1,298	1,298
Interfund receivables	110,401	42,221	152,622
Other receivables	<u>301,771</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>301,771</u>
Other current assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,002,114</u>	<u>\$ 43,519</u>	<u>\$ 1,045,633</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 304,987	\$ 43,519	\$ 348,506
Intergovernmental payables:			
State	38,258	-	38,258
Federal	-	-	-
Interfund payables	245,839	-	245,839
Deferred revenue	-	-	-
Paycheck protection program loans payable	<u>340,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,090</u>
Total liabilities	<u>929,174</u>	<u>43,519</u>	<u>972,693</u>
Fund balances:			
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	<u>72,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,940</u>
Total fund balances	<u>72,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,940</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,002,114</u>	<u>\$ 43,519</u>	<u>-</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.			
			\$ -
	Cost of capital assets		-
	Accumulated depreciation		<u>-</u>
Governmental funds do not report the effect of assets or liabilities related to net pension assets (liabilities) whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities.			
	Deferred amounts on net pension liability		<u>-</u>
Long-term liabilities, including capital leases and compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.			
	Net pension liability		-
	Compensated absences payable		-
	Capital lease obligation payable		<u>-</u>
Net position of governmental activities - A-1			<u>\$ 72,940</u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Revenues			
Local Sources:			
Local tax levy	\$ 518,300	\$ -	\$ 518,300
Grant and contributions	335,996	-	335,996
Sublease rent income and facility use revenue	407,320	-	407,320
Miscellaneous	<u>83,744</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,744</u>
Total revenues -local sources	1,345,360	-	1,345,360
State sources	3,081,793	-	3,081,793
Federal sources	-	850,051	850,051
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security (non-budgeted)	112,559	-	112,559
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund	-	-	-
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund - Post Retirement Medical	-	-	-
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund - Non-contributory Insurance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues	<u>4,539,712</u>	<u>850,051</u>	<u>5,389,763</u>
Expenditures			
Current expense:			
Instruction	2,239,129	528,148	2,767,277
Administrative cost	1,277,999	-	1,277,999
Support services	874,877	321,903	1,196,780
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Reimbursed and on-behalf payments:			
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security (non-budgeted)	112,559	-	112,559
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund	-	-	-
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund - Post Retirement Medical	-	-	-
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund - Non-contributory Insurance	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>4,504,564</u>	<u>850,051</u>	<u>5,354,615</u>
Excess revenues over expenditures	35,148	-	35,148
Fund balances at beginning of the year	<u>37,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,792</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 72,940</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 72,940</u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)	\$	35,148
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**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 depreciation expense exceeded capital outlays in the period. Additionally, in the Statement of Activities gains or (losses) are recognized upon disposition.

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Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

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Change in net position of governmental activities (A-2)	\$	35,148
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PROPRIETARY FUNDS

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

PROPRIETARY FUND

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	20
Interfund receivable		5,215
Accounts receivable:		
Federal		23,482
State		354
Miscellaneous		-
		<u>23,836</u>

Total Assets	\$	<u>29,071</u>
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Liabilities

Current liabilities

Accounts payable	\$	<u>55,042</u>
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Net position

Unrestricted		<u>(25,971)</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	<u>29,071</u>
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**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

PROPRIETARY FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Operating revenues:		
Charges for services:		
Daily sales - reimbursable programs	\$	-
Miscellaneous revenue		45
Total operating revenues		<u>45</u>
Operating expenses:		
Supplies and materials - reimbursable programs		<u>116,770</u>
Depreciation		-
Miscellaneous		-
Total operating expenses		<u>116,770</u>
Operating loss		<u>(116,725)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:		
State sources:		
State School Lunch Program	\$	1,718
Federal sources:		
National School Lunch		91,722
National School Breakfast		<u>31,707</u>
Total nonoperating revenues		<u>125,147</u>
Change in net position		8,422
Total net position at beginning of year		<u>(34,393)</u>
Total net position at end of year	\$	<u>(25,971)</u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

PROPRIETARY FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Cash flows from operating activities

Operating income	\$ (116,725)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash from operating activities:	
Depreciation	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	13,210
Interfund receivable	(5,215)
Accounts payable	55,042
Interfund payable	(73,911)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>(127,599)</u>

Cash flows from noncapital financing activities

Cash received from state and federal reimbursements	<u>125,146</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(2,453)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	<u>2,473</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 20</u></u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)****FIDUCIARY FUNDS****STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION****JUNE 30, 2020****Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	105,897
Interfund receivables		<u>88,002</u>
Total assets	\$	<u><u>193,899</u></u>

Liabilities

Payroll withholdings payable	\$	191,229
Due to student groups		<u>2,670</u>
Total liabilities	\$	<u><u>193,899</u></u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Revenues:

General fund appropriation	\$ -
Employees' contributions	<u>3,252</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,252</u>

Expenditures:

Payments to NJ Unemployment Compensation Fund	<u>3,252</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,252</u>

Excess of revenues over expenditures	-
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Net position at beginning of the year	<u>-</u>
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Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

A. Reporting Entity

The Charter School is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an educational institution. The school is governed by an independent Board of Trustees, which consists of parents, founders and other community representatives in accordance with its charter, which was appointed by the State Department of Education. An administrator is appointed by the board and is responsible for the administrative control of the Charter School.

B. Component Units

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School management. 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 and account groups of the Charter School. Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Charter School has no component units.

C. Basis of Presentation

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

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

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

C. Basis of Presentation - Continued

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Boards unanimously approved Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. Certain of the significant changes in the financial statements include the following:

The financial statements include:

- i) A Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Charter School’s overall financial position and results of operations.
- ii) Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Charter School’s activities.
- iii) A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements).

D. Basic Financial Statements

The Charter School’s basic financial statements consist of Charter School or 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.

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School at fiscal 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. 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.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

D. Basic Financial Statements - Continued

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 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.

E. Governmental Funds

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Charter School and is always classified as a major fund. 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.

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

E. Governmental Funds - Continued

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, 2020, there was no Capital Projects Fund.

Debt Service Fund - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of principal and interest on, bonds issued to finance major property acquisitions, construction, and improvement programs. As of June 30, 2020, there was no debt service fund.

F. Proprietary Funds

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

Enterprise Funds:

The Enterprise Fund are utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the Charter School is that the 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 noncurrent, 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.

Internal Service (Self-Insurance) Fund:

The Self-Insurance Fund is used to cover the self-insured limits of the various insurance policies for all funds. Charter School does not use self-insurance fund.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

G. 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:

Expendable Trust Funds - Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for in essentially the same manner as the governmental fund types, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting. Expendable Trust Funds account for assets where both the principal and interest may be spent.

Nonexpendable Trust Funds - Nonexpendable Trust Funds are used to account for assets held under the terms of a formal trust agreement, whereby the Charter School is under obligations to maintain the trust principal.

Agency Funds - Agency funds 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. Agency funds include payroll and student activities funds.

H. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

H. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - Continued

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 determined 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 fund revenues.

I. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared prior to July 1, for the General Fund. The budget is 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. All budget amendments must be approved by the State Department of Education. 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.

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 fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

I. Budgets/Budgetary Control - Continued

The accounting records of 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 revenue, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow of the presentation of GAAP basis financial report. As presented in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General, Special Revenue Fund and Debt Service Funds to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the Statements of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

J. Deposits, Investments and Risk Disclosure

Cash and cash equivalents includes amounts in deposits, money market accounts and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are stated at cost, or amortized cost, which approximates market. The amortized cost method involves valuing a security at its cost on the date of purchase and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of any discount or premium. The Board classifies certificates of deposit which have original maturity dates of more than three months but less than twelve months from the date of purchase, as investments.

GASB Statement No. 40 replaces in part, and otherwise modifies the prior GASB Statement No. 3, in addressing the requirements for disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Board in its cash, cash equivalents and investments. Custodial credit risk disclosures are limited to deposits that are not covered by depository insurance and are (a) uncollateralized; (b) collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or (c) collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the depositor-government's name. Investment securities that are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by either (a) the counterparty or (b) the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the government's name.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

J. Deposits, Investments and Risk Disclosure - Continued

Deposits

New Jersey statutes require that Charter Schools deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey which 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. 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 five percent of the average daily balance of collected public 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.

Investments

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

- a. Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- b. 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.
- c. Bonds or other obligations of the Charter School.
- d. New Jersey Cash Management Fund, New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund and MBIA CLASS.

As of June 30, 2020, the Charter School did not hold any investments.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

J. Deposits, Investments and Risk Disclosure - Continued

Risk Category

All bank deposits, as of the balance sheet date, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. Although GASB Statement No. 40 eliminated Categories 1 and 2 as previously established by GASB Statement No. 3, it maintained, with modification, the level-of-disclosure requirements of GASB Statement No. 3.

As of June 30, 2020, the Board had funds invested and on deposit in checking accounts. These funds constitute "deposits with financial institutions" as defined by GASB Statement No. 3 and modified by GASB Statement No. 40, and as such, are deposits that are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Board or by its agent in the Board's name, both at year-end and throughout the year.

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.

K. Prepaid Expenses

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

The Charter School does not have prepaid expenses as of June 30, 2020.

L. Interfund Assets/Liabilities

On the fund financial statements, receivables and payables resulting from short-term Interfund loans are classified as Interfund Receivable/Payable. Interfund balanced within governmental activities and within business-type activities are eliminated on the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

M. Fixed Assets

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the capital assets associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. General capital assets are long-lived assets of the Charter School as a whole. When purchased, such assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds and capitalized. The valuation based for general capital assets are historical cost, or where historical cost is not available, estimated historical cost based on replacement cost.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

M. Fixed Assets - Continued

Capital assets in the proprietary funds are capitalized in the fund in which they are utilized. The valuation bases for proprietary fund capital assets are the same as those used for the governmental fund capital assets.

Donated capital assets are capitalized at estimated fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by the straight-line method. The Charter School does not have capital assets as of June 30, 2020.

N. 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 represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

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 represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

O. 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 that are 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 sick and vacation leave in varying amounts under the Charter School's personnel policies and according to negotiated contracts. In the event of termination, an employee is reimbursed for accumulated vacation and sick leave. Vacation days not used during the year may only be carried forward with approval from the Head of School.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

O. Compensated Absences - Continued

In the charter school-wide Statement of Net Position, the liabilities whose average maturities are greater than one year should be reported in two components – the amount due within one year and the amount due in more than one year.

The liability for vested compensated absences of the proprietary fund types is recorded within those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. As of June 30, 2020, the Charter School has no liabilities for compensated absences.

P. Net Pension Liability (Asset)

The net pension liability (asset) represents the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) of the New Jersey State Pension Employees' Retirement System and the New Jersey State Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund System. The financial reporting of these amounts is presented in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date".

Q. Deferred Revenue

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

R. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the government-wide financial statements. All payable, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations payable from the enterprises fund are reported and the enterprises fund 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, contractually required pension contributions and compensated absences that are paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payments during the current year.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

S. Fund Balance and Equity

Generally, fund balance represents the difference between current assets and current liabilities. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the Charter School is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Under this standard, the fund balance classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term receivables) or they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (the corpus of a permanent fund).

Restricted fund balance is to be reported when constraints placed on the use of the resources are imposed by grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through enabling legislation. Enabling legislation includes a legally enforceable requirement that these resources be used only for the specific purposes as provided in the legislation. This fund balance classification will be used to report funds that are restricted for debt service obligations and for other items contained in General Municipal Law or Education Law.

Committed fund balance will be reported for amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to formal action of the entity's highest level of decision making authority. These funds may only be used for the purpose specified unless the entity removes or changes the purpose by taking the same action that was used to establish the commitment. This classification includes certain designations established and approved by the entity's governing board.

Assigned fund balance, in the General Fund, will represent amounts constrained either by the entity's highest level of decision making authority or a person with delegated authority from the governing board to assign amounts for a specific intended purpose. An assignment cannot result in a deficit in the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund. This classification will include amounts designated for balancing the subsequent year's budget and encumbrances. Assigned fund balance in all other governmental funds represents any positive remaining amount after classifying nonspendable, restricted or committed fund balance amounts.

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NOTE 1 **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** – CONTINUED

S. **Fund Balance and Equity** - Continued

Unassigned fund balance, in the General Fund, represents amounts not classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed or assigned. The General Fund is the only fund that would report a positive amount in unassigned fund balance. For all governmental funds other than the General Fund, unassigned fund balance would necessarily be negative, since the fund's liabilities, together with amounts already classified as nonspendable, restricted and committed would exceed the fund's assets.

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the Charter School's policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the Charter School's policy to use fund balance in the following order: committed, assigned, and unassigned.

T. **Net Position**

Net Position on the *Statement of Net Position* include the following:

Investments in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt - the component of net position there reports the differences between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt, excluding unexpended proceeds, that is directly attributed to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted for Specific Purposes – the component of net position that reports the difference between assets and liabilities of the certain programs that consist of assets with constraints placed on their use by either external parties and /or enabling legislation.

Restricted for Debt Service – the component of net position that reports the difference between assets and liabilities of the Debt Service Fund that consists of assets with constraints placed on their use by creditors.

Unrestricted - the difference between the assets and liabilities that is not reported in Net Position Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt, Net Position Restricted for Specific Purposes or Net Position Restricted for Debt Services.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

U. Contributed Capital

Contributed capital represents the amount of fund capital contributed to the proprietary funds from other funds.

V. Interfund Transactions

Interfund transfers are defined as the flow of assets, such as cash or goods, without equivalent flows of assets in return. Interfund borrowings are reflected as “Due from/to Other Funds” on the accompanying financial statements. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

W. Use of 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.

X. Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

The Charter School recognizes the effect of income tax positions only of those positions are more likely than not of being sustained. Management has determined that the Charter School had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition. Fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 is the Charter School’s third year of operations.

Y. On-Behalf Payments

Revenues and expenditures of the General Fund include payment made by the State of New Jersey for Pension and social security contributions for certified teacher members of the New Jersey Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund, and for post-retirement medical benefits of members. The amounts are not required to be included in the Charter School’s annual budget.

Z. Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, which date is January 19, 2021.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

Z. Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management - continued

In March 2020, the COVID-19 virus has been declared a global pandemic as it continues to spread rapidly. Business continuity, including supply chains and consumer demand across a broad range of industries and countries, is and will continue to be severely impacted for months or beyond as governments and their citizens take significant and unprecedented measures to mitigate the consequences of the pandemic. Management is carefully monitoring the situation and evaluating its options during this time. No adjustments have been made to these financial statements because of this uncertainty.

NOTE 2 ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Charter School adopted GASB Statement No. 95, Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance (GASBS 95), which addresses the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and provides relief to governments by postponing implementation and application of certain GASB Statements by a year, and by up to 18 months for other statements.

In accordance with this Standard, the Charter School postponed the implementation of any previously applicable standards until their new required implementation dates as follow:

- a. Pronouncements postponed by one year and new effective dates:
 - Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities and Implementation Guide No. 2019-2, periods beginning after December 15, 2019
 - Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period, reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020
 - Statement No. 90, Majority Equity Interests, reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019
 - Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations, reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021
 - Statement No. 92, Omnibus 2020, paragraphs 6 and 7, fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021
 - Statement No. 92, Omnibus 2020, paragraphs 8, 9, and 12, fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021
 - Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates, fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021

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NOTE 2 ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS - CONTINUED

Implementation Guide No. 2017-3, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (and Certain Issues Related to OPEB Plan Reporting), the first reporting period in which the measurement date of the (collective) net OPEB liability is on or after June 15, 2019

Implementation Guide No. 2018-1, Implementation Guidance Update—2018, reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2019

Implementation Guide No. 2019-1, Implementation Guidance Update—2019, Fiduciary Activities, reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2020

- b. Effective dates of pronouncements postponed 18 months:
Statement No. 87 and Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, Leases, reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021, and all reporting periods thereafter

NOTE 3 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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, 2020, the Charter School's deposits are summarized as follows:

	General Fund	Enterprise Fund	Trust and Agency Funds	Total
Operating Account	\$ 319,631	\$ 20	\$ 105,897	\$ 425,548
Restricted cash	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 319,631</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>\$ 105,897</u>	<u>\$ 425,548</u>

Operating cash accounts are held in the Charter School's name by several banking institutions. At June 30, 2020, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits was \$425,548 and the bank balance was \$600,063. Of the bank balance, up to a maximum of \$250,000 of the Charter School's cash deposits on June 30, 2020 were secured by federal deposit insurance (FDIC) and \$350,063 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").

Restricted Cash

The Charter School has established and funded an Escrow Account pursuant to an agreement signed with the New Jersey Department of Education. The agreement stipulates that the intended use of the escrow amount is "to pay for legal and audit expenses and any other outstanding pension benefits that would be associated with a dissolution should it occur." The required minimum is \$75,000, of which, the Charter School obtained a surety bond.

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NOTE 4 LONG-TERM DEBT

During 2020, the Charter School received a forgivable loan amounting to \$340,090 under the Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”), which the Charter School recognized as a long-term debt, in accordance with paragraph 12 of GASB Statement No. 70, “*Nonexchange Financial Guarantee*”. The PPP, established as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), provides loans to qualifying businesses for amounts up to 2.5 times of the average monthly payroll expenses of the qualifying business. The loans and accrued interest are forgivable after 24 weeks as long as the loan proceeds are used for eligible purposes, including payroll, benefits, rent and utilities, and maintains its payroll levels. The amount of loan forgiveness will be reduced if the borrower terminates employees or reduces salaries during the 24-week period. No payments are due on the Loan for six (6) months (the “Deferment Period”) from the date of first disbursement of the Loan. Interest will continue to accrue during the Deferment Period. Borrower must make principal and interest payments every month beginning in the month immediately following the end of the Deferment Period (the “Payment Commencement Date”). Any portion of the proceeds that is unforgiven is payable over two years at an interest rate of 1%, with a deferral of payments. It matures on May 1, 2022 and bears an interest rate of 1% per annum payable monthly and such payments are deferred for the first six months. The Charter School currently believes that its use of the proceeds will meet the conditions for forgiveness of the loan. As of June 30, 2020, PPP loans payable amounted to \$340,090.

NOTE 5 NET POSITION (DEFICIT)

As of June 30, 2020, the net position consisted of the following components:

<u>INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF RELATED DEBT</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Business Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
Capital assets, net	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less: Long-Term obligations	-	-	-
(All long-term debt relates to capital assets)	-	-	-
<u>RESTRICTED</u>			
Restricted for Food Service	25,971	-	25,971
<u>UNRESTRICTED</u>			
Net position (deficit) not restricted above	46,969	(25,971)	20,998
NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	\$ 72,940	\$ (25,971)	\$ 46,969

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NOTE 6 PENSION PLANS

A. Description of Plans

All eligible employees of the Charter School are covered by either the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) or the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) which have been 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 PERS and the TPAF. These reports may be obtained by writing to the Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

i. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

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

ii. Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established in January 1, 1995, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full time certified teachers or professional staff of the public school systems in the State. The Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the Charter School and the systems other related non-contributing employers. Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional, and certified.

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NOTE 6 PENSION PLANS - CONTINUED

B. Vesting and Benefit Provisions

The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A 43:15a and 4303B and N.J.S.A. 18A: for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirement 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.

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The PERS and TPAF 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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NOTE 6 PENSION PLANS - CONTINUED

C. Significant Legislation

Two pieces of legislation passed during fiscal year 2001 having significant impact on the benefit provisions under PERS and TPAF. Chapter 133, P.L.2001, increases retirement benefits for service, deferred and early retirements by changing the formula from 1/60 to 1/55 of final compensation for each year of service. The legislation also increases the retirement benefit for veteran member with 35 years or more of service and reduces age qualification from 60 to 55. The legislation further provides that existing retirees and beneficiaries would also receive a comparable percentage increase in their retirement allowance. The benefit enhancements are effective with the November 1, 2001 benefit checks. Chapter 120, P.L. 2001, established an additional retirement option for plan members. Under the new option, a retiree's actuarially reduced allowance (to provide a benefit to the retiree's beneficiary upon the death of the retiree) would "pop-up" to the maximum retirement allowance if the beneficiary predeceases the retiree.

Chapter 4, P.L. 2001 provides increased benefit to certain members of PERS who retired prior to December 29, 1989 with at least 25 years of creditable service. The maximum amount of the increase is 5 percent the retiree's final compensation. For those with 30 or more years of service, the total pension would increase from 65 to 71 percent of final compensation.

Due to the enactment of 1997 legislation, Chapter 114, P.L. 1997 and Chapter 115, P.L. 1997, the State of New Jersey's portion of the unfunded accrued liability under each retirement system was eliminated. In addition, excess valuation assets were available to fund, in full or in part, the State of New Jersey's normal contribution from 1997 to 2001, excluding the contribution for post-retirement medical benefits in the PERS and TPAF.

D. Contribution Requirement

The contribution policy is set by laws of the State of New Jersey and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation with the amount of contributions by the State of New Jersey contingent upon the Annual Appropriations Act. As defined, the retirement systems require employee contributions based on 7.06% for PERS and 7.06% for TPAF of the employee's annual compensation. 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 adjustment, noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums. Under current statute the Charter School is a non-contributing employer of the TPAF. TPAF employer contributions are made annually by the State of New Jersey to the pension system on behalf of the Charter School.

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NOTE 6 PENSION PLANS - CONTINUED

D. Contribution Requirement - Continued

The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustment, noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums. Under current statute the Charter School is a non-contributing employer of the TPAF.

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$99,885 during the year ended June 30, 2020 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries.

The Charter School did not have PERS contribution nor TPAF on-behalf payments since fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 is the Charter School's first year of operations.

E. GASB 68 Disclosures

i. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

As of June 30, 2020, the Charter School did not have a proportionate share in the State's net pension liability for PERS.

ii. Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

As of June 30, 2020, the Charter School did not have a proportionate share in the State's net pension liability for PERS.

NOTE 7 POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

The State of New Jersey Provides employer-paid coverage to members of the TPAF who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 year of service or on a disability retirement. Under the provision of Chapter 126, P.L. 1992, the State also provides employer-paid coverage to members of PERS and Alternate Benefits Program (ABP) who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service or on a disability retirement if the member's employer does not provide this coverage. Certain local participating employers also provide post-retirement medical coverage to their employees. Retirees who are not eligible for employer paid health coverage at retirement can continue in the program if their employer participates in this program or if they are participating in the health benefits plan of their former employer and are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B by paying the cost of the insurance for themselves and their covered dependents. In Fiscal Year 2019, the State paid PRM benefits for 153,893 State and local retirees.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 7 POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS - CONTINUED

The State funds post-retirement medical benefits on a “pay-as-you-go” basis, which means that the State does not pre-fund, or otherwise establish a reserve or other pool of assets against the PRM expenses that the State may incur in future years. For Fiscal Year 2019, the State contributed \$1.908 billion to pay for pay-as-you-go PRM benefit costs incurred by covered retirees. The State’s “pay-as-you-go” contributions have remained consistent with Fiscal Year 2018 amounts. The State has appropriated \$1.612 billion in Fiscal Year 2020 as the State’s contribution to fund pay-as-you-go PRM costs.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, the State is required to quantify and disclose its obligations to pay Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) to retired plan members. This new standard supersedes the previously issued guidance, GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, effective for Fiscal Year 2018. The State is now required to accrue a liability in all instances where statutory language names the State as the legal obligor for benefit payments. The Fiscal Year 2019 total State OPEB liability to provide these benefits is \$76.0 billion, a decrease of \$14.5 billion or 16 percent from the \$90.5 billion liability recorded in Fiscal Year 2018.

The School Employees Health Benefits Program (SEHBP) Act is found in New Jersey Statutes Annotated, Title 52, Article 17.25 et. seq. Rules governing the operation and administration of the program are found in Title 17, Chapter 9 of the New Jersey Administrative Code.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75.

Total OPEB Liability

The State, a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS and TPAF participants. The Charter School’s proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the Charter School did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position.

Accordingly, the following OPEB liability note information is reported at the State’s level and is not specific to the board of education/board of trustees. Note that actual numbers will be published in the NJ State CAFR at <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/cafr.shtml>

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NOTE 7 POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS - CONTINUED

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Charter School recognize OPEB revenue and expense of \$0 as determined by the State as the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75 and in which there is a special funding situation.

In accordance with GASBS No. 75, the Charter School's proportionate share of school retirees OPEB is zero, there is no recognition of the allocation of proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources.

At June 30, 2019, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired Charter School employees' OPEB was zero.

NOTE 8 DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The Charter School offered its employees a choice of the following deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Service 403(b). The Plan which are administered by the Charter School and various insurance companies, permits participants to defer apportion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plan are not available to employees until termination, death or unforeseeable emergency.

NOTE 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

A. 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 (Schedule J-20).

B. 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.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

NOTE 10 INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Amount reported in the governmental funds as interfund receivable and payable from/to other governmental funds pertains to expenses that were paid from the general fund which are eliminated in the governmental activities' column. The remaining internal receivable and payable between the governmental funds and enterprise fund have been eliminated in the total Charter School-wide Statement of Net Position.

At June 30, 2020, the interfund balances consisted of the following:

	RECEIVABLE (PAYABLE)			
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Enterprise Fund	Fiduciary Fund
General fund	(135,438)	42,221	5,215	\$ 88,002
GASB No 34 mandated eliminations within governmental activities	<u>42,221</u>	<u>(42,221)</u>	-	-
Net interfund balances reported as follows:				
Entity-wide (eliminated in total column)	<u>\$ (93,217)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,215</u>	
External (Due from Trust and Agency Funds)				<u>\$ 88,002</u>

NOTE 11 CONTINGENCIES

State and Federal Aid Receipts

State and Federal awards are generally subject to review by the responsible governmental agencies for compliance with the agencies regulations governing the aid. In the opinion of the Charter School's management and legal counsel, any potential adjustments to the Federal or State aid recorded by the Charter School through June 30, 2020, resulting from a review by a responsible government agency will not have a material effect on the Charter School financial statements at June 30, 2020.

NOTE 12 MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

On July 1, 2019, the Charter School entered into an two-year operating agreement with BRICK, Inc., a New Jersey not-for-profit corporation, renewable for another two-year term until June 30, 2023. The fee for the services is equal to 10% of the total federal, state and local public revenue actually received by the Charter School.

Total management fee paid by the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 amounted to \$144,458.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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EXHIBIT C-1

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	<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 tax levy	\$ 520,934	\$ -	\$ 520,934	\$ 518,300	\$ (2,634)
Contributions	-	-	-	335,996	335,996
Sublease rent income and facility use revenue	-	-	-	407,320	407,320
Miscellaneous	<u>525,753</u>	<u>700,515</u>	<u>1,226,268</u>	<u>83,744</u>	<u>(1,142,524)</u>
Total revenues - local sources	1,046,687	700,515	1,747,202	1,345,360	(401,842)
State sources	2,965,186	-	2,965,186	3,081,793	116,607
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security (non-budgeted)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,559</u>	<u>112,559</u>
Total revenues	<u>4,011,873</u>	<u>700,515</u>	<u>4,712,388</u>	<u>4,539,712</u>	<u>(172,676)</u>
Expenditures					
Current expense:					
Instruction					
Salaries	1,194,212	24,718	1,218,930	1,218,930	-
Other salaries for instruction	205,166	415,279	620,445	619,663	782
Professional/technical service	59,750	(35,952)	23,798	22,512	1,286
Other purchased services	20,000	87,316	107,316	95,253	12,063
General supplies	130,312	115,684	245,996	245,996	-
Miscellaneous	<u>13,510</u>	<u>67,763</u>	<u>81,273</u>	<u>36,775</u>	<u>44,498</u>
Total current expense	<u>1,622,950</u>	<u>674,808</u>	<u>2,297,758</u>	<u>2,239,129</u>	<u>58,629</u>
Administrative cost:					
Salaries	644,567	(228,430)	416,137	416,137	-
Total benefit costs	587,939	43,598	631,537	472,869	158,668
Professional/technical service	-	-	-	-	-
Other purchased services	2,032	178,549	180,581	180,581	-
Communications and telephones	14,400	(10,334)	4,066	4,066	-
Supplies and materials	4,600	35,281	39,881	35,591	4,290
Judgments against Charter School	10,000	46,249	56,249	56,249	-
Miscellaneous	<u>10,000</u>	<u>102,506</u>	<u>112,506</u>	<u>112,506</u>	<u>-</u>
Total administrative cost	<u>1,273,538</u>	<u>167,419</u>	<u>1,440,957</u>	<u>1,277,999</u>	<u>162,958</u>
Support services:					
Salaries	410,800	(84,500)	326,300	326,300	-
Purchased professional/technical service	3,000	13,859	16,859	14,840	2,019
Other purchased services	92,500	11,977	104,477	104,477	-
Rent on land and buildings	350,000	840	350,840	350,840	-
Insurance-fidelity, liability, property	59,000	(37,327)	21,673	21,673	-
Utilities	<u>25,000</u>	<u>31,747</u>	<u>56,747</u>	<u>56,747</u>	<u>-</u>
Total support services	<u>940,300</u>	<u>(63,404)</u>	<u>876,896</u>	<u>874,877</u>	<u>2,019</u>

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EXHIBIT C-1

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
Capital outlay:					
Non-instructional equipment	175,085	(175,085)	-	-	-
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	112,559	(112,559)
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund	-	-	-	-	-
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund - Post Retirement Medical	-	-	-	-	-
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund - -- Non-contributory Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	<u>4,011,873</u>	<u>603,738</u>	<u>4,615,611</u>	<u>4,504,564</u>	<u>111,047</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	96,777	96,777	35,148	(61,629)
Fund balances at beginning of the year	<u>37,792</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,792</u>	<u>37,792</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at ending of the year	<u>\$ 37,792</u>	<u>96,777</u>	<u>\$ 134,569</u>	<u>\$ 72,940</u>	<u>\$ (61,629)</u>

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Final to Actual
Revenues					
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal	850,051	-	850,051	850,051	-
Total revenues - all sources	<u>850,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>850,051</u>	<u>850,051</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenditures					
Current Expenditures:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of teachers	429,516	-	429,516	429,516	-
Purchased professional and technical services	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies and materials	12,141	-	12,141	12,141	-
Miscellaneous	36,491	-	36,491	36,491	-
Total instruction	<u>528,148</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>528,148</u>	<u>528,148</u>	<u>-</u>
Support services					
Employee benefits	162,124	-	162,124	162,124	-
Purchased professional educational services	32,064	-	32,064	32,064	-
Total support services	<u>321,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>321,903</u>	<u>321,903</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital Outlay:					
Facilities acquisition and construction services	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>850,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>850,051</u>	<u>850,051</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

PART II

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY GAAP RECONCILIATION
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(REISSUED)**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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

	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Sources/inflows of resources			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue" from the budgetary comparison schedule:	[C-1] \$ 4,539,712		[C-2] 850,051
Difference - budget to GAAP:			
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized.	-		-
Last State aid payment recognized for budgetary purposes only.	-		-
General Fund contribution to Early Childhood Program Aid.	-		-
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2] <u>4,539,712</u>		[B-2] <u>850,051</u>
Uses/outflows of resources			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1] 4,504,564		[C-2] 850,051
Differences - budget to GAAP			
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial reporting purposes.	-		-
Transfers to and from other funds are presented as outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes.			
Net transfer (outflows) to general fund	-		-
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2] <u>\$ 4,504,564</u>		[B-2] <u>\$ 850,051</u>

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

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

**SCHEDULES RELATED TO ACCOUNTING
AND REPORTING FOR PENSIONS (GASB 68)**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - PERS
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0000000000%	0.0000000000%	0.0000000000%
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charter School's covered-employee payroll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note - The amounts presented for the fiscal year was determined as of June 30 measurement date of the prior fiscal year.

(1) The Charter School implemented GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension in fiscal year 2018, the same year that the Charter School was formed.

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EXHIBIT L-2

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Charter School's covered-employee payroll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

(1) The Charter School implemented GASB 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension* in fiscal year 2018, the same year that the Charter School was formed.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY - TPAF
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
State's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) attributable to the Charter School	0.0000000000%	0.0000000000%	0.0000000000%
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) attributable to the Charter School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charter School's covered-employee payroll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) attributable to the Charter School as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Note - The amounts presented for the fiscal year was determined as of June 30 measurement date of the prior fiscal year.

(1) The Charter School implemented GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pension in fiscal year 2018, the same year that the Charter School was formed.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S TOTAL
OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**

LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS (1)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total State OPEB Liability Attributable to Charter School			
Service cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-
Changes in assumptions and other inputs	-	-	-
Benefit payments	-	-	-
Contributions from the member	-	-	-
Net Change in Total State OPEB Liability Attributable to	-	-	-
Total State OPEB Liability Attributable to Charter School:			
At beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
At end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charter School's proportionate share of the Total OPEB Liability	0%	0%	0%
Charter School Covered-employee payroll ⁽²⁾	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total State OPEB liability as a percentage of Charter School covered-employee payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note - The amounts presented for the fiscal year was determined as of June 30 measurement date of the prior fiscal year.

(1) The Charter School implemented GASB 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* in fiscal year 2018. No data is available prior to fiscal year 2018.

(2) Covered payroll was based on the Charter School's payroll for the year ended June 30, 2018.

**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

PART III

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Change in benefit terms. There was no change in the benefit terms.

Change in assumptions. The calculation of the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is dependent upon the long-term expected rate of return, and the municipal bond index rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability changed from 5.66% to 6.28%. This change in the discount rate is considered to be a change in actuarial assumptions under GASBS No. 68.

The single blended discount rate of 6.28% in the current measurement date was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% (7.00% in prior measurement date) and a municipal bond rate of 3.50% (3.87% in prior measurement date) 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.

At June 30, 2020, the Charter School's share in the net pension liability is zero.

Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Change in benefit terms. There is no change in the benefit terms.

Change in assumptions. The calculation of the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability is dependent upon the long-term expected rate of return, and the municipal bond index rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability changed from 4.25% to 5.60% in the current measurement date. This change in the discount rate is considered to be a change in actuarial assumptions under GASB No. 68.

The single blended discount rate of 5.60% in the current measurement date was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00% (7.00% in prior measurement date) and a municipal bond rate of 3.50% (3.87% in prior measurement date) 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.

At June 30, 2020, the Charter School's share in the net pension liability is zero.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Change in benefit terms. There was no change in the benefit terms.

Change in assumptions. The calculation of the discount rate used to measure the total nonemployer OPEB liability is dependent upon the long-term expected rate of return, and the municipal bond index rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability changed from 3.87% to 3.50% in the current measurement date. This change in the discount rate is considered to be a change in actuarial assumptions under GASB No. 75. The source is 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. At June 30, 2020, the Charter School's share in the net pension liability is zero.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Title I	IDEA	Project Neighborhood	CMO Developer Grant	Total
Revenues					
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Federal	194,071	49,172	422,500	184,308	850,051
Total revenues - all sources	<u>\$ 194,071</u>	<u>\$ 49,172</u>	<u>\$ 422,500</u>	<u>\$ 184,308</u>	<u>\$ 850,051</u>
Expenditures					
Current Expenditures:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of teachers	\$ 120,000	\$ -	309,516	\$ -	\$ 429,516
Other salaries for instruction	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Supplies and materials	12,071	70	-	-	12,141
Miscellaneous	-	-	36,491	-	36,491
Total instruction	<u>132,071</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>346,007</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>528,148</u>
Support expenditures					
Employee benefits	62,000	7,631	76,493	16,000	162,124
Purchased services	-	32,064	-	-	32,064
Other purchase services	-	9,407	-	118,308	127,715
Total administrative services	<u>62,000</u>	<u>49,102</u>	<u>76,493</u>	<u>134,308</u>	<u>321,903</u>
Capital Outlay:					
Instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 194,071</u>	<u>\$ 49,172</u>	<u>\$ 422,500</u>	<u>\$ 184,308</u>	<u>\$ 850,051</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

The capital projects fund is used to account for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and equipment purchases other than those financed by propriety funds.

At June 30, 2020, there was no capital project fund.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the Charter School is that the costs of providing goods and services be financed through user charges. The Charter School has the Food Service and After Care in its Enterprise Fund to account for the operation of food services and after care.

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ENTERPRISE FUND

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>
Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20
Interfund receivable	5,215
Accounts receivable:	
Federal	23,482
State	<u>354</u>
	<u>23,836</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 29,071</u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 55,042
Net assets	
Unrestricted	<u>(25,971)</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 29,071</u>

EXHIBIT G-2

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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ENTERPRISE FUND

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services:	
Daily sales - reimbursable programs	\$ -
Miscellaneous revenue	45
Total operating revenues	<u>45</u>
Operating expenses:	
Supplies and materials - reimbursable programs	<u>116,770</u>
Operating loss	<u>(116,725)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:	
State sources:	
State School Lunch	1,718
Federal sources:	
National School Lunch	91,722
National School Breakfast	31,707
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>125,147</u>
Income before transfers	8,422
Transfers in - General fund	<u>-</u>
Changes in net position	8,422
Total net position at beginning of year	<u>(34,393)</u>
Total net position at end of year	<u>\$ (25,971)</u>

EXHIBIT G-3

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

ENTERPRISE FUND

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>FOOD SERVICE</u>
Cash flows from operating activities	
Operating loss	\$ (116,725)
Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash from operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	13,210
Interfund receivable	(5,215)
Accounts payable	55,042
Interfund payable	(73,911)
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(127,599)</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Cash received from state and federal reimbursements	<u>125,146</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,453)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	<u>2,473</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 20</u>

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Trust funds are used to account for gifts and bequests to the Charter School for specific purposes.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund is an expendable trust fund used to account for unemployment transactions of the Charter School.

At June 30, 2020, there was no non-expandable trust fund utilized by the Charter School.

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

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

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020

	New Jersey Unemployment Benefits	Agency		Total	
		Student Activities	Net Payroll		Payroll Agency
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ 2,659	\$ -	\$ 103,238	\$ 105,897
Interfund receivable	-	11	-	87,991	88,002
Total assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,670</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 191,229</u>	<u>\$ 193,899</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities:					
Payroll and withholdings payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191,229	\$ 191,229
Due to student groups	-	2,670	-	-	2,670
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,229</u>	<u>193,899</u>
Net Position					
Restricted					
Unemployment compensation	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,670</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 191,229</u>	<u>\$ 193,899</u>

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
(TRUST FUND)

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	New Jersey Unemployment Benefits
	<u> </u>
Revenues:	
General fund appropriation	\$ -
Employees' contributions	<u>3,252</u>
Total revenues	<u>3,252</u>
Expenditures:	
Payments to NJ Unemployment Compensation Fund	<u>3,252</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,252</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	-
Net position at beginning of the year	<u>-</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

STUDENT ACTIVITY AGENCY FUND

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Cash Receipts</u>	<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2020</u>
Assets				
Cash	\$ 927	\$ 2,659	\$ 927	\$ 2,659
Interfund Receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>
	927	2,670	927	2,670
Liabilities				
Due to Student Groups	<u>\$ 927</u>	<u>\$ 1,743</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,670</u>

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

PAYROLL AGENCY FUND

SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Cash Receipts</u>	<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2020</u>
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,489	\$ 3,778,338	\$ 3,715,589	\$ 103,238
Interfund receivable	-	87,991	-	87,991
Total Assets	<u>\$ 40,489</u>	<u>\$ 3,866,329</u>	<u>\$ 3,715,589</u>	<u>\$ 191,229</u>
Liabilities				
Payroll deductions and withholdings	\$ 12,238	\$ 3,866,329	\$ 3,687,338	\$ 191,229
Interfund payable	28,251	-	28,251	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 40,489</u>	<u>\$ 3,866,329</u>	<u>\$ 3,715,589</u>	<u>\$ 191,229</u>

LONG-TERM DEBT

The long-term debt is used to record the outstanding principal balances of the long-term liabilities of the charter school. This includes the outstanding principal balance on capital lease, the accrued liability for insurance claims and the liability for compensated absences and the outstanding principal balance on certificates of participation outstanding or mortgage note payable.

STATISTICAL SECTION (UNAUDITED)

Unless otherwise noted, the information in these Schedules was derived from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) for the relevant year.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

INTRODUCTION TO THE STATISTICAL SECTION

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Financial Trends	These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the district's financial performance and well being have changed over time.	68
Revenue Capacity	These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the district's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.	N/A
Debt Capacity	These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the district's current levels of outstanding debt and the district's ability to issue additional debt in the future.	N/A
Demographic and Economic Information	These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the district's financial activities take place.	73
Operating Information	These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the district's financial report relates to the services the district provides and the activities it performs.	75
Note (1):	<i>Fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 is the first operating year of the Charter School; schedules presenting charter-wide information include information beginning in that year.</i>	

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

**NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)**

(Accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,		
	2020	2019	2018
Governmental activities			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 25,971	\$ 34,392	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>46,969</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>38,537</u>
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 72,940</u>	<u>\$ 37,792</u>	<u>\$ 38,537</u>
Business-type activities			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>(25,971)</u>	<u>(34,392)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total business-type activities net position	<u>\$ (25,971)</u>	<u>\$ (34,392)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School-wide			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 25,971	\$ 34,392	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>20,998</u>	<u>(30,992)</u>	<u>38,537</u>
Total charter school net position	<u>\$ 46,969</u>	<u>\$ 3,400</u>	<u>\$ 38,537</u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)

(Accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,		
	2020	2019	2018
Expenses			
Governmental activities			
Instruction	\$ 3,333,485	\$ 2,370,936	\$ 724,567
Administrative	906,773	533,889	167,020
Support Services	1,114,357	868,343	145,896
Unallocated:			
Capital outlay	-	135,934	6,280
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>5,354,615</u>	<u>3,909,102</u>	<u>1,043,763</u>
Business-type activities:			
Food service	116,770	158,263	-
Total business-type activities expense	<u>116,770</u>	<u>158,263</u>	<u>-</u>
Total district expenses	<u>5,471,385</u>	<u>4,067,365</u>	<u>1,043,763</u>
Program Revenues			
Governmental activities:			
Charges for services:			
Operating grants and contributions	962,610	794,015	217,693
Total governmental activities program revenues	<u>962,610</u>	<u>794,015</u>	<u>217,693</u>
Business-type activities:			
Charges for services			
Food service	45	254	-
Operating grants and contributions	125,147	123,617	-
Total business-type activities program revenues	<u>125,192</u>	<u>123,871</u>	<u>-</u>
Total district program revenues	<u>1,087,802</u>	<u>917,886</u>	<u>217,693</u>
Net (Expense)/Revenue			
Governmental activities	(4,392,005)	(3,115,087)	(826,070)
Business-type activities	<u>8,422</u>	<u>(34,392)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total district-wide net expense	<u>(4,383,583)</u>	<u>(3,149,479)</u>	<u>(826,070)</u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)

(Accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,		
	2020	2019	2018
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets			
Governmental activities:			
Property taxes levied for general purposes, net	925,620	432,026	131,141
Grants and contributions	3,417,789	2,618,526	728,034
Miscellaneous income	83,744	63,790	5,432
Total governmental activities	<u>4,427,153</u>	<u>3,114,342</u>	<u>864,607</u>
Business-type activities:			
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total district-wide	<u>4,427,153</u>	<u>3,114,342</u>	<u>864,607</u>
Changes in Net Position			
Governmental activities	35,148	(745)	38,537
Business-type activities	8,422	(34,392)	-
Total district	<u>\$ 43,570</u>	<u>\$ (35,137)</u>	<u>\$ 38,537</u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)

(Modified accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,		
	2020	2019	2018
General Fund			
Assigned	\$ -	264,007	-
Unassigned	72,940	(226,215)	38,537
Total general fund	<u>\$ 72,940</u>	<u>37,792</u>	<u>38,537</u>

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)

(Unaudited)

Function	2020	2019	2018
Revenues			
Local Sources:			
Local tax levy	\$ 518,300	\$ 432,026	\$ 215,161
Miscellaneous	419,740	183,790	5,432
State sources	3,194,352	2,598,411	756,321
Federal sources	<u>850,051</u>	<u>694,130</u>	<u>105,386</u>
Total Revenues	<u>4,982,443</u>	<u>3,908,357</u>	<u>1,082,300</u>
Current expense			
Instruction	2,767,277	2,017,731	671,300
Administrative cost	1,277,999	788,250	188,199
Support services	1,196,780	867,302	148,897
Capital outlay	-	135,934	6,280
TPAF - FICA Reimbursement	<u>112,559</u>	<u>99,885</u>	<u>28,287</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>5,354,615</u>	<u>3,909,102</u>	<u>1,042,963</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(372,172)	(745)	39,337
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (372,172)</u>	<u>\$ (745)</u>	<u>\$ 39,337</u>
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Charter school's records.

Note: Noncapital expenditures are total expenditures less capital outlay.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

**DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population ^a</u>	<u>Personal Income ^b</u>	<u>Per Capita Personal Income ^c</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate ^d</u>
2020	**	**	**	**
2019	282,011	**	**	4.50%
2018	282,090	\$ 19,029,509,310	\$ 67,459	7.00%
2017	281,014	17,859,563,756	63,554	7.50%

** Data not available

Source:

^a U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

^b Personal income has been estimated based upon the municipal population and per capita personal income presented

^c Per capita personal income was computed using Census Bureau midyear population estimates. All dollar estimates are in thousands of current dollars (not adjusted for inflation). Estimates for 2010-2018 reflect county population estimates available as of March 6, 2019.

^d Unemployment data provided by the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

**PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS
Current Year and Two Years Ago**

Employer	2020		2018	
	Employees	Percentage of Total Municipal Employment	Employees	Percentage of Total Municipal Employment
St. Barnabas Health Care System	23,000	**	23,000	**
Verizon	17,100	**	17,100	**
Prudential Ins. Co. of America	16,850	**	16,850	**
Rutgers University - Newark Campus	15,500	**	15,500	**
Continental Airlines	11,000	**	11,000	**
Newark Board of Education	7,050	**	7,050	**
Automatic Data Processing	5,649	**	5,649	**
New Jersey Transit	4,000	**	4,000	**
City of Newark	4,000	**	4,000	**
Essex County	3,500	**	3,500	**
PSE&G	-		-	
JP Morgan Chase	-		-	
Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield	-		-	
Roche	-		-	
KPMG	-		-	
Ricoh American Corp	-		-	
	<u>107,649</u>		<u>107,649</u>	

Note - Principal employers are that of Essex County

** - Information not available

Source: Essex County Economic Development Corporation

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BY FUNCTION/PROGRAM
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)
(Unaudited)**

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Instruction	35	35	4
Administrative	10	10	3
Support Services	5	5	7
Food Service	-	-	-
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Total	50	50	14
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Source: Charter School's personnel records

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

OPERATING STATISTICS

**Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)
(Unaudited)**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Operating Expenditures^a</u>	<u>Cost Per Pupil</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>	<u>Teaching Staff^b</u>	<u>Pupil/Teacher Ratio Elementary</u>	<u>Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)^c</u>	<u>Average Daily Attendance (ADA)^c</u>	<u>% Change in Average Daily Enrollment</u>	<u>Student Attendance Percentage</u>
2020	306	5,354,615	17,499	100.00%	35	12: 1	221.2	301.7	N/A	136.40%
2019	221	3,773,168	17,073	100.00%	35	12: 1	221.2	217.9	N/A	98.51%
2018	61	1,037,483	17,008	100.00%	5	12: 1	62.8	60.1	N/A	95.77%

Source: Charter School's Records

Note: Enrollment based on annual October Charter School count.

- a Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.
- b Teaching staff includes only full-time equivalents of certificated staff.
- c Average daily enrollment and average daily attendance are obtained from the School Register Summary (SRS).

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

**SCHOOL BUILDING INFORMATION
Last Ten Fiscal Years (1)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<u>Charter School Building</u>			
<u>Elementary School</u>			
Square Feet	4,000	4,000	4,000
Capacity (students)	900	900	900
Enrollment	306	221	61
Number of Schools	1	1	1

Source: Charter School's Records

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)**

INSURANCE SCHEDULE

**June 30, 2020
(Unaudited)**

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
Commercial General Liability ⁽¹⁾		
Aggregate Limit	\$ 3,000,000	
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	3,000,000	
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit	1,000,000	
Each Occurrence	1,000,000	
Fire Damage	1,000,000	
Damage to Premises Rented	100,000	any one premises
Medical expense limit	10,000	any one person
Personal Property	75,000	1,000
Employee Benefits	3,000,000	
Automobile		
Non Owned & Hired Auto Liability	1,000,000	
Professional Liability		
Aggregate limit	3,000,000	
Each Claim limit	1,000,000	
School Coverage		
Medical Expense	25,000	
Accidental Death	25,000	
Accidental Dismemberment	up to \$50,000	
Accidental Paralysis	50,000	
Accident Medical Expense Benefits	25,000	

Source: Charter School's Records

ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
(COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY)

CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FISCAL RATIOS

Multi-Year Information
(Unaudited)

	2018 Audit	2019 Audit	2020 Audit	Source
Cash	\$ 22,014	\$ 55,488	\$ 319,651	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Current Assets	54,253	346,167	916,867	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Total Assets	54,253	346,167	916,867	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Current Liabilities	15,716	342,767	529,808	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Total Liabilities	15,716	342,767	869,898	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Net Assets	38,537	3,400	46,969	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Total Revenue	1,082,300	4,032,228	5,514,955	Audit: Exhibit A-2
Total Expenses	1,043,763	4,067,365	5,471,385	Audit: Exhibit A-2
Change in Net Assets	38,537	(35,137)	43,570	Audit: Exhibit A-2
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers
Interest Expense	-	-	-	Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers
Principal Payments	-	-	-	Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers
Interest Payments	-	-	-	Financial Statements/Audit Workpapers
Final Average Daily Enrollment	63	221	306	DOE Enrollment Reports
March 30th Budgeted Enrollment	66	66	500	Charter School Budget

Near Term Indicators	2018	2019	2020	Source:	Target
1a. Current Ratio	3.45	1.01	1.73	Current Assets/Current Liabilities	> 1.1
1b. Unrestricted Days Cash	7.70	4.98	21.32	Cash/(Total Expenses/365)	30-60
1c. Enrollment Variance	95%	335%	61%	Average Daily Enrollment/Budgeted Enrollment	>95%
1d. Default	No	No	No	Audit	not in default
Sustainability Indicators					
2a. Total Margin	4%	-1%	1%	Change in Net Assets/Total Revenue	positive
2b. Debt to Asset	0.99	0.99	0.95	Total Liabilities/Total Assets	<.9
2c. Cash Flow	22,014	33,474	264,163	Net change in cash flow from prior years (Change in Net Assets+Depreciation+Interest Expense)/(Principal & Interest Payments)	3 yr cum positive
2d. Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A		>1.10

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION



EXHIBIT K-1

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

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Achieve Community Charter School
County of Essex
Newark, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Achieve Community Charter School (the Charter School), in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies

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

may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did, however, identify certain deficiencies, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as finding 2020-001 and 2020-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charter School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey.

We also noted certain matters that we have reported to the Board of Trustees of the Achieve Community Charter School in the County of Essex, New Jersey in a separate *Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance*, dated January 19, 2021.

Charter School's Response to Findings

The Charter School's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Charter School's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Charter School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Leonora Galleros, CPA
Public School Accountant
PSA No. 20CS00239400



Galleros Robinson CPAs, LLP
Certified Public Accountants

January 19, 2021
Cream Ridge, New Jersey



EXHIBIT K-2

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL
AND STATE PROGRAMS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE
AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND
NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR LETTER 15-08**

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Achieve Community Charter School
Essex County, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major State and Federal Programs

We have audited the Achieve Community Charter School's (the Charter School) in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *New Jersey State Aid Grant Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Charter School's major state and federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The Charter School's major state and federal program 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Charter School's major federal and state programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; 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 OMB Circular Letter 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Those standards, Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on major federal and state program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Charter School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR LETTER 15-08

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

Opinions on Each Major Federal and State Programs

In our opinion, the Achieve Community Charter School in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance, which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Letter Circular 15-08, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2020-003 and 2020-004. Our opinion on each major federal program and state financial assistance is not modified with respect to these matters.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR LETTER 15-08

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

Purpose of the Report

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



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ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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EXHIBIT K-3
SCHEDULE A

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Federal Grant/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA No.	Federal FAIN Number	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period		Balance at June 30, 2019	Carryover/ (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Years' Balances	Balance at June 30, 2020		
					From	To						(Accounts Receivable)	Deferred Revenue	Due to Grantor
U.S. Department of Education:														
Passed-through New Jersey State Department Education														
Special Revenue Fund:														
Title I Part A Grants to Local Educational Agencies Individuals with Disabilities	84.010	S010A190030	ESSA - 6110 - 20	\$ 194,071	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,071	\$ (194,071)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
- States Grant	84.027	H027A190100	IDEA - 6110 - 20	49,172	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	-	-	47,874	(49,172)	-	(1,298)	-	-
Total U.S. Department of Education							-	-	241,945	(243,243)	-	(1,298)	-	-
U.S. Department of Education:														
Passed-through Building Responsible Intelligent Creative Kids														
Charter Schools Program (CSP) Grants to Developers for the Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools	84.282	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	\$ 184,308	10/1/2019	9/30/2020	-	-	184,308	(184,308)	-	-	-	-
U.S. Department of Education:														
Passed-through South Ward Alliance														
Project Neighborhood Programs	84.215	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	\$ 422,500	10/1/2019	9/30/2020	-	-	422,500	(422,500)	-	-	-	-
U.S. Department of Agriculture														
Passed-through New Jersey State Department of Agriculture														
Enterprise Fund:														
National School Lunch Program	10.555	201NJ304N1099	N/A	91,722	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	-	-	72,287	(91,722)	-	(19,435)	-	-
National School Lunch Program	10.555	191NJ304N1099	N/A	88,144	7/1/2018	6/30/2019	(25,738)	-	25,738	-	-	-	-	-
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	201NJ304N1099	N/A	31,707	7/1/2019	6/30/2020	-	-	27,660	(31,707)	-	(4,047)	-	-
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	191NJ304N1099	N/A	33,930	7/1/2018	6/30/2019	(10,880)	-	10,880	-	-	-	-	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture							(36,618)	-	136,565	(123,429)	-	(23,482)	-	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards							\$ (36,618)	\$ -	\$ 985,318	\$ (973,480)	\$ -	\$ (24,780)	\$ -	\$ -

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EXHIBIT K-4
SCHEDULE B

SCHEDULE OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

State Grantor/ Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Balance at June 30, 2019			Carryover/ (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures Pass-through Funds	Adjustments Repayment Prior Year's Balances	Balance at June 30, 2020			MEMO		
			Award Amount	Deferred Revenue (Accounts Receivable)	Due to Grantor					Intergovernmental (Accounts Receivable)	Deferred Revenue/ Interfund Payable	Due to Grantor	Budgetary Receivable	Cumulative Total Expenditure	
New Jersey State Department of Education															
General Fund:															
Equalization Aid	20-495-034-5120-078	7/1/19-6/30/20	\$ 2,863,368	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,755,165	(2,863,368)	\$ -	(136,313)	\$ -	\$ 28,110	\$ 136,313	\$ 2,863,368	
Equalization Aid	19-495-034-5120-078	7/1/18-6/30/19	2,334,463	(119,241)	48,846	-	15,555	-	(38,698)	(103,686)	-	10,148	-	-	
Special Education															
Categorical Aid	20-495-034-5120-089	7/1/19-6/30/20	127,136	-	-	-	127,136	(127,136)	-	-	-	-	-	127,136	
Security Aid	20-495-034-5120-084	7/1/19-6/30/20	91,289	-	-	-	91,289	(91,289)	-	-	-	-	-	91,289	
Reimbursed Social Security Tax	20-495-034-5094-003	7/1/19-6/30/20	112,559	-	-	-	82,247	(112,559)	-	(30,312)	-	-	-	-	
Reimbursed Social Security Tax	19-495-034-5094-003	7/1/18-6/30/19	99,885	(42,467)	-	-	42,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund	20-495-034-5094-002	7/1/19-6/30/20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund – Post Retirement Medical	20-495-034-5094-001	7/1/19-6/30/20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension & Annuity Fund – Non-contributory Insurance	20-495-034-5094-004	7/1/19-6/30/20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total General Fund				(161,708)	48,846	-	3,113,859	(3,194,352)	(38,698)	(270,311)	-	38,258	136,313	3,081,793	
Enterprise Fund:															
State School Lunch Program	20-100-010-3350-023	7/1/19-6/30/20	1,718	-	-	-	1,364	(1,718)	-	(354)	-	-	354	1,718	
State School Lunch Program	19-100-010-3350-023	7/1/18-6/30/19	1,543	(428)	-	-	428	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance				(162,136)	48,846	\$ -	\$ 3,115,651	(3,196,070)	(38,698)	(270,665)	\$ -	\$ 38,258	\$ 136,667	\$ 3,083,511	
Less: On-Behalf TPAF Pension System Contributions															
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund	20-495-034-5094-002														
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund – Post Retirement Medical	20-495-034-5094-001														
On-Behalf Teachers' Pension & Annuity Fund – Non-contributory Insurance	20-495-034-5094-004														
Total for State Financial Assistance-Major Program Determination								(3,196,070)							

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOTE 1 GENERAL

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

NOTE 2 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance are presented using the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of those recorded in the food service fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the Charter School's basic financial statements. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*, and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

NOTE 3 RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements present the special revenue fund on both GAAP and budgetary basis. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. See Exhibit C-3 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 Charter School's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - CONTINUED**

NOTE 3 RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,194,352	\$ 3,194,352
Special Revenue Fund	850,051	-	850,051
Enterprise Fund	<u>123,429</u>	<u>1,718</u>	<u>125,147</u>
Total	<u>\$ 973,480</u>	<u>\$ 3,196,070</u>	<u>\$ 4,169,550</u>

NOTE 4 RELATIONSHIP TO STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

NOTE 5 ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

TPAF Social Security Contributions represents reimbursements in the amount of \$112,559 by the State for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2020. The State did not made on-behalf TPAF payments for pension contributions, post-retirement medical benefits and long-term disability insurance contributions for the year ended June 30, 2020.

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

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF pension contributions, post-retirement medical benefits contributions and long-term disability insurance are not subject to a State Single Audit and, therefore, are excluded from major program determination. The Schedule of State Financial Assistance provides a reconciliation of State financial assistance reported in the Charter School's financial statements and the amount subject to State Single Audit and major program determination.

NOTE 7 DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST

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

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:
 Material weakness(es) identified? Yes ✓ No reported

Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weaknesses? ✓ Yes No

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes ✓ No

Federal Awards – Not Applicable

Dollar threshold used to determine Type A and B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes ✓ No

Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Internal control over compliance:
 Material weakness(es) identified? Yes ✓ No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)? Yes ✓ No

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance? ✓ Yes No

Identification of Major Programs:

<u>CFDA No.</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
84.215N	Project Neighborhood Programs

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS - CONTINUED

State Financial Assistance

Dollar threshold used to determine Type A and B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes ✓ No

Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Internal control over compliance:

Material weakness(es) identified? Yes ✓ No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified not considered to be material weakness(es)? Yes ✓ No

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with NJ OMB Circular Letter 15-08? Yes ✓ No

Identification of Major Programs:

<u>State or Project No.</u>	<u>Name of State Program</u>
State Aid Public Cluster:	
20-495-034-5120-078	Equalization Aid
20-495-034-5120-084	Security Aid
20-495-034-5120-089	Special Education Categorical Aid

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

**Finding 2020-001 – Timely Reporting, Account Analysis and Reconciliation
and Audit Preparation**

Criteria

Timely and accurate financial reports are prescribed by N.J.S.A.18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36 to be presented to the Board.

Condition

During the audit the financial records were not readily available due to turnover in CMO employee and unfamiliarity with the accounting system used. As a result, there were several trial balance revisions to reconcile cash balances, interfund activities, accounts payable and payroll account balances. Also, multiple general ledger cash accounts in each fund were used for a bank account to account for interfund transactions. Case on point, the general fund has cash accounts for food service, student activities and payroll. Several adjusting journal entries were recorded at year-end in each fund to correct the cash balances and other accounts.

There was also one bank account that was overdrawn as of June 30, 2020.

We also noted from the monthly Board minutes that the Board Secretary's and financial reports were not presented monthly to the Board as prescribed (N.J.S.A.18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36). In addition, the budget columns in the monthly Board Secretary's report were not updated.

Cause

The Charter School transactions were not timely recorded and reconciled due to staff turnover, change in accounting system and unfamiliarity with the new accounting system.

Effect

Various trial balance revisions were provided to the auditors, several adjusting journal entries were needed to correct certain account balances and additional audit time was needed to complete the audit.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

**Finding 2020-001 – Timely Reporting, Account Analysis and Reconciliation
and Audit Preparation - continued**

Recommendation

Timely reconciliation of accounts is a fundamental account process to prove that transactions sums to the correct ending account balances. The Charter School should ensure that all transactions are recorded and reconciled on a timely basis. We also recommend that the Charter School streamline the general ledger accounts and develop monthly closing and post-closing procedures to ensure that accounts are reconciled and accurate.

View of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Actions

The School Business Administrator has consulted with an outside management firm to assess the accounting software Achieve was utilizing. Due to mapping error the one software had, Achieve has decided to change the accounting software and implement a procurement platform. Since FY20 the School Business Administrator has also ensured the Board receives timely financial reports. The finance department is taking the proper steps to ensure accounting compliance moving forward.

Finding 2020-002 – Claims and Purchase Orders

Criteria

All claims should follow the purchasing policy, where purchase orders are made before incurrence of expenses and supporting documents should be kept on file.

Condition

During our audit, we noted some claims that did not follow the purchasing policy.

Context

In our review of claims, we noted the following:

- a. Supporting documents for 6 of 40 sample claims paid were not on file.
- b. Of the 34 claims paid with supporting documents provided,
 - 16 claims have confirming purchase orders.
 - 12 claims did not have signed vendor certifications.
 - 10 claims have inadequate supporting documentation.
 - 3 did not have signed purchase orders.
 - 2 claims have undated purchase orders.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

Finding 2020-002 – Claims and Purchase Orders - continued

Cause

Controls in place to monitor compliance with the purchasing policy was not consistently adhered to.

Effect

There were claims that failed to follow the purchasing policy and claims where supporting documentation were not available.

Questioned cost

None.

Recommendation

We recommend a review of the purchasing policy and procedures with personnel assigned. All supporting documents including approved purchase orders, vendor invoices and certifications are obtained and maintained. Further, expenses should always follow the Charter School's purchasing policy.

View of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Actions

The current School Business Administrator has revised and implemented a new Purchasing Manual that ensures fiscal compliance across the district. Procurement training has also been implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year to ensure fiscal accountability. Consequences have been implemented for staff members who receive goods or services without a signed Purchase Order.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS AND
QUESTIONED COSTS**

Finding 2020-003 Time and Activity Reports

CFDA #84.010 – Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

CFDA #84.027 – Individuals with Disabilities – State Grants

Criteria

An employee who works, in whole or in part, on a Federal program or cost objective must document time and effort. An employee who works solely on a single cost objective (e.g., a single Federal program) must furnish a semi-annual certification that he/she has been engaged solely in activities that support the single cost objective. The certification must be signed by the employee or a supervisory official having first-hand knowledge of the work performed by the employee in accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 C.F.R. 200.302. The payroll expense recorded in the books should represent the approved time and activity report.

Condition

During our audit, Title I and IDEA employees did not have time and activity reports first half of the year

Context

Full time Title I and IDEA employees only have one of the two semi-annual time and activity certifications. Not all of the monthly time and activity reports of split-funded employees were provided.

Cause

Procedures to monitor the submission of time and effort documentation were not adhered to consistently.

Effect

Allocation of salaries among programs may not be equitable.

Questioned cost

None.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS AND
QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED**

Finding 2020-03 Time and Activity Reports - continued

Recommendation

The Charter School should ensure that federally funded employee salaries have a completed semi-annual or monthly time and activity certification in accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 C.F.R. 200.302

View of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action

The School Business Administrator and Chief School Administrator have become educated in all Federal Grant requirements moving forward to ensure all federally funded positions complete the required paperwork.

Finding 2020-004 Late Submission of Food Service Claims

CFDA No.	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
	Child Nutrition Cluster
10.553	National School Breakfast Program
10.555	National School Lunch Program

Criteria

Under Title 7 CFR Part 210.8 Claims for reimbursement, "A final Claim for Reimbursement shall be postmarked or submitted to the State agency not later than 60 days following the last day of the full month covered by the claim. State agencies may establish shorter deadlines at their discretion. Claims not postmarked and/or submitted within 60 days shall not be paid with Program funds unless otherwise authorized by United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)."

Condition

The reimbursement claims for meals served during the month of September 2019 in the total amount of \$11,797 was submitted to the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture past the 60 days after the end of the reporting month. As a result, the claim is in further review by the New Jersey State Department of Agriculture and remained unpaid at June 30, 2020.

Cause

There were changes in accounting personnel responsible for the submission of the monthly claims and the changes in the state system required time to learn on how to navigate. Both changes caused the delay.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED

**SECTION III - FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS AND
QUESTIONED COSTS - CONTINUED**

Finding 2020-04 Late Submission of Food Service Claims - continued

Effect

Failure to submit the claims within the prescribed period may result in non-payment of claims.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Charter School implement its policies and procedures to ensure that the required reports are filed timely. We recommend personnel back-up and training to ensure that data requirements and timelines are adhered to.

View of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Action

The Management have already reviewed the policies and procedures in place for filing claims for the Charter School's Food Program. The claiming procedures and timelines of 60 days after the month covered by the claim were discussed with personnel involved to ensure understanding of the data requirements and the importance of maintaining complete and accurate data to support the monthly claims.

**ACHIEVE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR-YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS AS
PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Finding 2019-001 Reconciliation of Accounts

Periodic reconciliation of accounts is a fundamental account process to prove that transactions sums to the correct ending account balances. During the audit, we noted the following:

- The monthly bank reconciliations were incomplete and had several reconciling items requiring further analysis for proper disposition.
- Outstanding checks at year end included 31 checks written but not issued as of June 30, 2019. These were reclassified to accounts payable.
- Interfund payables and receivables were not reconciled.
- Net payroll and payroll agency year-end balances were not reconciled

Status: Similar finding still exists. Refer to Finding 2020-001

Finding 2019-002 – Claims and Purchase orders

In our review of claims, we noted the following:

- Supporting documents for 21 of 40 claims paid were not on file.
- There were 16 of 19 claims examined have purchase order dates that are the same or after the invoice dates.
- One of 19 sample claims provided had a purchase order with no evidence of SBA approval.
- One of 19 sample claims examined did not have a signed vendor certification.
- Purchase orders for 2 of 19 sample claims provided did not have purchase orders on file.

Status: Similar finding still exists. Refer to Finding 2020-002.



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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

**Finding 2020-001 – Timely Reporting, Account Analysis and Reconciliation
and Audit Preparation**

Timely reconciliation of accounts is a fundamental account process to prove that transactions sums to the correct ending account balances. During the audit:

- Cash balances, interfund, receivables and accounts payable and payroll expenses did not reconcile.
- Multiple general ledger cash accounts in each fund was also used for one bank accounts which, in reality are interfund transactions or booking errors not corrected. For example, the general fund has a general ledger cash accounts for food service, student activities and payroll.
- Incorrect recording of some collection and payment of intergovernmental receivables and payables.
- Interfund payables and receivables were not reconciled
- Monthly Board Secretary's Report and cash reports were not timely presented to the Board
- Line item expenses in the June 30, 2020 Board secretary's report did not match the June 30, 2020 general ledger balances.

Several adjusting journal entries were posted during the audit to correct the related account balances.

The Charter School should ensure that all transactions are recorded and reconciled on a timely basis. We also recommend that the Charter School develop and appropriate post-closing adjustment process to ensure that accounts are accurate, implement stricter review of account balances.

Corrective Action : The School Business Administrator has consulted with an outside management firm to assess the accounting software Achieve was utilizing. Due to mapping error the one software had, Achieve has decided to change the accounting softwares and implement a procurement platform. Since FY20 the School Business Administrator has also ensured the Board receives timely financial reports. The finance department is taking the proper steps to ensure accounting compliance moving forward.

Person Responsible : Controller, Senior Accountant, and School Business Administrator

Planned Completion Date : June 30, 2021



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Finding 2020-002 – Claims and Purchase Orders

In our review of claims, we noted the following:

- a. Supporting documents for 6 of 40 sample claims paid were not on file.
- b. There were 16 of 34 claims examined have purchase order dates that is the same or after the invoice dates.
- c. Twelve (12) out of 34 sample claims examined did not have a signed vendor certification.
- d. Ten (10) out of 34 sample claims examined did not have supporting invoice or billing statement.
- e. Two (2) out of 34 sample claims examined did not have the signed purchase order.
- f. Three (3) of 34 sample claims provided did not have dates on the purchase orders on file

We recommend a review of the purchasing policy and procedures with personnel assigned. All supporting documents including approved purchase orders, vendor invoices and certifications are obtained and maintained. Further, expenses should always follow the Charter School's purchasing policy.

Corrective Action ; The current School Business Administrator has revised and implemented a new Purchasing Manual that ensures fiscal compliance across the district. Procurement training has also been implemented at the beginning of the fiscal year to ensure fiscal accountability. Consequences have been implemented for staff members who receive goods or services without a signed Purchase Order.

Person Responsible School Business Administrator and Accounts Payable Specialist

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Finding 2020-003 Time and Activity Reports

CFDA #84.010 – Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies
CFDA #84.027 – Individuals with Disabilities – State Grants

During our audit, Title I and IDEA employees did not have time and activity reports first half of the year.

The Charter School should ensure that federally funded employee salaries have a completed semi-annual or monthly time and activity certification in accordance with Uniform Guidance 2 C.F.R. 200.302.

Corrective Action The School Business Administrator and Chief School Administrator have become educated in all Federal Grant requirements moving forward to ensure all federally funded positions complete the required paperwork .

Person Responsible Chief School Administrator & School Business Administrator

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Finding 2020-004 Late Submission of Food Service Claims

We noted that the Charter School's reimbursement claims to New Jersey State Department of Agriculture for the month of September 2019 was submitted past the deadline of 60 days after the end of the reporting month.

We recommend that the Charter School implement its policies and procedures to ensure that the required reports are filed timely. We recommend personnel back-up and training to ensure that data requirements and timelines are adhered to.

Corrective Action

The Management have already reviewed the policies and procedures in place for filing claims for the Charter School's Food Program. The claiming procedures and timelines of 60 days after the month covered by the claim were discussed with personnel involved to ensure understanding of the data requirements and the importance of maintaining complete and accurate data to support the monthly claims.

Person Responsible Chief School Administrator & School Business Administrator

Planned Completion Date June 30, 2021

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