

**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE
FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

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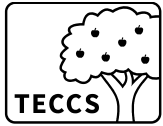
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February 24, 2022

Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Education
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Dear Commissioner:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Ethical Community Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the school. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report are accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups of the school. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the school's financial activities have been included.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is presented in four sections: introductory, financial, statistical and single audit. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter and list of principal officials. The financial section includes the general-purpose financial statements and schedules, as well as the auditor's report. The statistical section includes audited data from the school's first six fiscal years. The school is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the requirements of 2 CFR 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (U.S. Uniform Guidance), "Audits of State and Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations," and the State Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid Payments." Information related to this single audit, including the auditors' reports on internal control and compliance with applicable laws and regulations and findings and recommendations is included in the single audit section of this report.

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

The Ethical Community was chartered by The New Jersey Department of Education on January 1, 2009. In September 2009, TECCS opened its doors to its first 120 students; 60 kindergarteners, and 60 first graders. The school added one grade level per year since inception. The first graduating class was achieved in June 2017.

2) ENROLLMENT OUTLOOK: The Ethical Community Charter School is one of the most economically, ethnically, and racially diverse schools in New Jersey. Among our 382 students, forty nine percent of TECCS students are eligible for free or reduced meals, nine percent are English language learners, and eleven percent are students with disabilities. We are an intentionally diverse public school and take pride in the many communities that make us whole. Our students and families collectively speak more than 40 languages and share multiple backgrounds and learning styles.

3) MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our Mission Statement:

We believe children who have the skills to make good choices will thrive and positively shape the world.

The Ethical Community Charter School is a safe and caring K-8 school where ethics, service, and social justice are the principles that inform every aspect of school life; where teachers lead and collaborate with students in a culture of rigorous academics and mutual respect; where analytical thinking and creativity are prized over rote learning; where children become individuals of integrity, insight, autonomy—and socially productive citizens, workers, leaders.

Our educational philosophy is grounded in the study of ethics: the way people treat each other, the value of service to others, and the development of a sense of responsibility for making the world a more just and humane place. Ethics education weaves throughout the core curriculum: Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, as well as special content areas including Technology, Physical Education, Art, Music, and Health.

At TECCS, teachers developed their own units of study by correlating thematic units with grade-level standards and a focus on interdisciplinary connections and project-based learning where student interest drives specific project choices. Each student graduates TECCS with an extensive portfolio of writing and projects. At the same time, students take state-mandated tests and internal assessments to assure their progress on national and state standards.

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

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

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

- 5) **BUDGETARY CONTROLS:** In addition to internal accounting controls, the School maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the Board of Trustees and the State of New Jersey. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund. The final budget amount as amended for the fiscal year is reflected in the financial section.

An encumbrance accounting system is used to record outstanding purchase commitments on a line item basis. Open encumbrances at year-end are either canceled or are included as reappropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be reappropriated are reported as reservations of fund balances at June 30, 2021.

- 6) **ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS:** The Charter Schools’ accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting system of the School is organized on the basis of funds and account groups. These funds and account groups are explained in “Notes to the Financial Statements,” Note 1

- 7) **FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT FISCAL YEAR – END:** As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of report, the School continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. The following schedule presents a summary of the General, Special Revenue and Proprietary Funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Revenue	Amount	Percent of Total
Local Sources	\$1,325,466	18%
State Sources	4,619,717	64%
Federal Sources	553,437	8%
PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness	559,000	8%
Miscellaneous Revenues	78,522	1%
Proprietary Fund	<u>95,706</u>	<u>1%</u>
	<u>\$7,231,848</u>	<u>100%</u>

The following schedule presents a summary of the General, Special Revenue and Proprietary Funds expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Expenditures	Amount	Percent of Total
General Fund	\$5,523,555	89%
Special Revenue Fund	553,437	9%
Proprietary Fund	<u>95,706</u>	<u>2%</u>
	<u>\$ 6,172,698</u>	<u>100%</u>

8) **CASH MANAGEMENT:** The investment policy of the School is guided in large by the state Statute as detailed in “Notes to the Financial Statements,” Note 2. The School had adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with failed banking institutions in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

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

10) **OTHER INFORMATION:**

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

In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in the state statutes, the Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and the New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, *"Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid*. Information related to this single audit, including the auditor's report on internal control and compliance with applicable *laws and regulations* and findings and recommendations are included in the single audit section of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Chloe Lewis
Principal/Head of School

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

**ROSTER OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS
JUNE 30, 2021**

<u>BOARD OF TRUSTEES</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
{Ex-Officio members - Nia Armstrong & Chloe Lewis}	
Nia Armstrong, Chair, voting	6/2021
Jahshae Stewart, Governance (Chair), Technology	6/2024
Ed Goodall, Curriculum (Chair), Personnel	6/2023
Bernadette Schery, Parent Association Rep, Curriculum, Marketing (Chair), voting	6/2022
John Kotsonouris, Trustee	6/2024
Mike Riccio, finance, Governance (Elections/Nominations), Facilities (Chair), voting	6/2023
Tarun, Finance (Chair), Technology	6/2022
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Chloe Lewis, Principal, non-voting, On-Going	
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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Ethical Community Charter School
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Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board of Trustees of the Ethical Community Charter School, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ethical Community Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are

appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ethical Community Charter School as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

I draw your attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which discloses adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities, which enhances the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. My opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, which follows this report, the pension and post-employment benefits schedules in Exhibits L-1 through L-5 and the related notes and the budgetary comparison information in Exhibits C-1 through C-3 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. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Charter School basic financial statements, The accompanying supplementary information such as the combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedules of expenditures of

federal and state awards, as required by the Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and New Jersey's OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, and the other information, such as the introductory and statistical sections are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated February 24, 2022 on my consideration of the Ethical Community Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters.

The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Ethical Community Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400



Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant

February 24, 2022

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

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)**

This section of Ethical Community Charter School annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the Board's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Board's financial statements, which immediately follows this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for the 2020-21 fiscal year include the following:

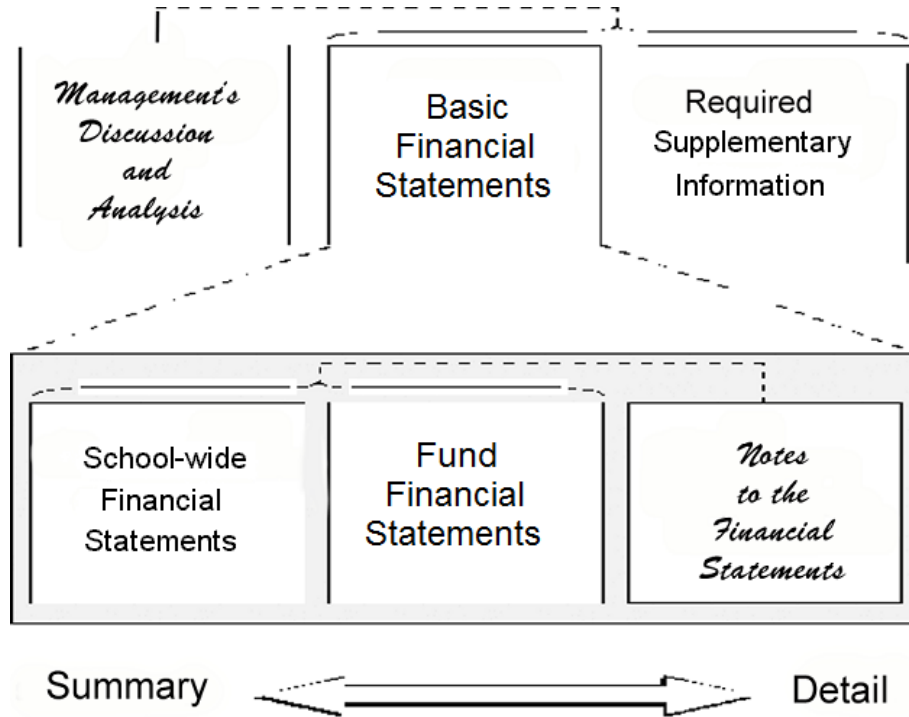
- Total Net Position was \$1,009,551, net of pension adjustment of (\$1,436,859) (Note 16).
- Total General Fund unrestricted balance was \$2,154,372.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)**

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



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

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

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

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

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Management’s Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
(Unaudited)

School-wide Statements

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

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

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

- Some funds are required by State law.

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

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Management’s Discussion and Analysis
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The Ethical Community Charter School has two kinds of funds:

- **Governmental funds-** Most of the Ethical Community Charter School’s basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Ethical Community Charter School’s programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the school-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements that explain the relationship (or differences) between them.
- **Proprietary funds-** Services for which the Ethical Community Charter School charges a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way as the school-wide statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

Net position. The Ethical Community Charter School’s Net Position is \$1,009,551 on June 30, 2021. (See Table A-1).

Governmental Funds	\$1,009,551
Proprietary Fund	
Total	<u>\$1,009,551</u>

The Statement of Net Position of \$1,009,551 reflects total net capital assets \$96,416, net of accumulated depreciation.

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The Ethical Community Charter School’s financial position is the product of these factors:

- Total Revenues – School Wide during the 2020-2021 school year were \$7,242,440.
- Total Expenditures – School Wide during the 2020-2021 school year were \$6,180,582.

**Table A-1
The Ethical Community Charter School
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2021**

	Total
Current and Other Assets	\$2,962,045
Pension Deferred Outflows	626,146
Capital Assets - Net	96,416
Total Assets and Pension Deferred Outflows	\$3,684,607
Current and Other Liabilities	\$612,051
Pension Deferred Inflows	674,205
Net Pension Liability - Noncurrent	1,388,800
Total Liabilities and Pension Deferred Inflows	\$2,675,056
Net Position	
Invested In Capital Assets, Net	\$ 96,416
Restricted	125,000
Unrestricted	788,135
Total Net Position	\$ 1,009,551
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position School Wide	\$ 3,684,607
Fund Balance 06/30/21 - School Wide	\$2,349,994
Invested in Capital Assets - Net	96,416
Net Position before Pension Adjustment	2,446,410
Less: Pension Adjustment (Deficit) (Note 16)	(1,436,859)
Net Position - June 30, 2021	\$1,009,551

Total Governmental and Business Activities Revenues and beginning assets are adjusted by net adjusted Expenditures resulting in a calculation of Net Position of \$1,009,551 on June 30, 2021.

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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(Unaudited)**

**Table A-2
The Ethical Community Charter School
Changes in Net Position - School Wide
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ -	
Operating grants and contributions		
General revenues		
Local Share	1,325,466	18%
State Aid-Unrestricted	4,619,717	64%
Federal Aid-Restricted	553,437	8%
Student Activity	10,600	-
PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness	559,000	8%
Miscellaneous Revenue	78,522	1%
Proprietary Fund	95,706	1%
Decrease in Net Capital Outlay	(30,044)	0%
Total revenues	\$ 7,212,404	100%
Expenses		
Regular Instruction	2,846,522	46%
General Administrative	1,604,174	26%
School Administrative	839,059	14%
On-behalf TPAF Social Security / Pension / Medical	787,237	13%
Student Activity	7,884	0%
Capital Outlay	0	0%
Proprietary Fund	95,706	2%
Total expenses	\$ 6,180,582	100%
Increase in Net Position	<u>\$ 1,031,822</u>	
Net Position Beginning July 1, 2020 as originally stated	49,896	
Add: Prior Period Adjustment due to Implementation of GASB 84	<u>67,906</u>	
Net Position as Restated 6-30-20	117,802	
Less: Pension (Adjustments) (Note 16)	(140,073)	
Net Position - June 30, 2021	<u><u>\$ 1,009,551</u></u>	

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**Table A-3 (See Exhibit A-2)
The Ethical Community Charter School
Total and Net Cost of Services - School Wide
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	Source	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
School Wide Activities			
Instruction			
Regular	B-2	\$ 2,846,522	\$ 2,293,085
Support Services			
General Administrative Services	B-2	1,604,174	1,604,174
School Administrative Services	B-2	839,059	839,059
On-behalf TPAF Social Security/Pension/Medical	B-2	787,237	787,237
Capital Outlay	B-2		
Student Activity	E-1	7,884	7,884
Proprietary Fund	G-2	95,706	95,706
Total and Net Cost of Services		<u>\$ 6,180,582</u>	<u>\$ 5,627,145</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL'S FUNDS

The financial performance of the Ethical Community Charter School as a whole is reflected in its governmental activities Exhibit A-2. As the Ethical Community Charter School completed the year, the school reported a combined unreserved, unassigned fund balance of \$2,154,372.

THE SCHOOL GENERAL FUND

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

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

**Table A-4 (See Exhibit B-2)
The Ethical Community Charter School
Changes in Revenues - School Wide
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30**

Revenues	Year Ended June 30, 2021	Year Ended June 30, 2020	Amount of Increase (Decrease)
Local Sources:			
Local Share	\$ 1,325,466	\$ 1,481,631	\$ (156,165)
Student Activity	10,600		10,600
PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness	559,000		559,000
Other Local Revenue	78,522	201,734	(123,212)
Total Local Sources	\$ 1,973,588	\$ 1,683,365	\$ 290,223
Intergovernmental			
Proprietary Fund	95,706	198,235	(102,529)
State Sources	4,619,717	3,596,062	1,023,655
Federal Sources	553,437	305,853	247,584
Total Intergovernmental Sources	\$ 5,268,860	\$ 4,100,150	\$ 1,168,710
Total Revenue - School Wide	\$ 7,242,448	\$ 5,783,515	\$ 1,458,933

The following schedule presents a summary of Expenditures – School Wide. The summary reflects the dollar increases (decreases) from the prior year.

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

	Year Ended June 30, 2021	Year Ended June 30, 2020	Amount of Increase
Regular Instruction	\$ 2,846,522	\$ 2,211,789	\$ 634,733
General Administrative Services	1,604,174	1,343,061	261,113
School Administration	839,059	1,038,946	(199,887)
On-behalf TPAF Social Security/Pension/Medical	787,237	612,622	174,615
Student Activity	7,884		7,884
Capital outlay	-	2	(2)
Proprietary Fund	95,706	198,235	(102,529)
Total Expenditures - School Wide	\$ 6,180,582	\$ 5,404,655	\$ 775,927

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UNRESERVED-UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AS A PERCENTAGE OF EXPENDITURES

The following table shows the School Wide unreserved-unassigned fund balance.

**Table A-6
The Ethical Community Charter School
Changes in Unreserved-Unassigned Fund Balance
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Unreserved-Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,154,372	\$1,095,222	\$716,362	\$441,550	\$264,599	\$241,146
Expenditures	\$6,180,582	\$5,404,655	\$5,032,915	\$4,896,047	\$4,615,944	\$4,396,826
Percentage	35%	20%	14%	9%	6%	6%

The Ethical Community Charter School values its fund balances as a vehicle for addressing unbudgeted and emergent needs that occur during school year. The amount of fund balance unreserved – unassigned to support the subsequent years budget is \$2,154,372 for the 2021-22 school year.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets

By the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, in the General Fund, the Ethical Community Charter School had invested \$300,436 in a broad range of capital assets, including leasehold improvements, computers, furniture, equipment, and administrative offices, etc. (More detailed information about capital assets can be found in Note 14 to the financial statements.) Total General Fund depreciation expense for the year was \$30,044.

**Table A-7
The Ethical Community Charter School
Changes in Capital Assets - School Wide
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Leasehold Improvements	\$55,000
Equipment	245,436
Total	\$300,436
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(204,020)
Total - Net Capital Assets	\$96,416

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FACTORS BEARING ON THE SCHOOL'S FUTURE

While many factors influence the Charter School's future, the availability of State funding and the economy will have the most impact on educational and fiscal decisions in the future.

These and many other factors were considered by the Charter School's administration during the process of developing the fiscal year 2021-22 budget. The primary factors were the Charter School's projected student population, anticipated state and federal aid as well as increasing salary and related benefit costs. These indicators were considered when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2021-2022.

CONTACTING THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Ethical Community Charter School's finances and to demonstrate the Ethical Community Charter School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office, Ethical Community Charter School, 95 Broadway, Jersey City, New Jersey 07306.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements provide a financial overview of the Ethical Community Charter School's operations. These financial statements present the financial position and operating results of all funds as of June 30, 2021.

SCHOOL-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted	\$ 1,799,767	\$ 302,265	\$ 2,102,032
Receivables	416,974	37,485	454,459
Interfunds	529,682	(339,750)	189,932
Security Deposit - Rental	20,000	-	20,000
Capital assets, net	96,416	-	96,416
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	195,622	-	195,622
Total Assets	<u>3,058,461</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,058,461</u>
Deferred outflows of resources			
Pension deferred outflows	626,146		626,146
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 3,684,607</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,684,607</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 402,003	\$ -	\$ 402,003
Due to School Districts	123,470	-	123,470
Compensated Absences Payable	86,578		86,578
PPP/ SBA Loan Payable (Note 17)	-		-
Net pension liability - noncurrent	1,388,800		1,388,800
Total liabilities	<u>2,000,851</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000,851</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
Pension deferred inflows	674,205	-	674,205
NET POSITION			
Invested in capital assets - net	96,416	-	96,416
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	50,000	-	50,000
Other purposes - Charter School Escrow Reserve	75,000	-	75,000
Student Activity	70,622	-	70,622
Unrestricted (Note 16)	717,513	0	717,513
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,009,551</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,009,551</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position			
	<u>\$ 3,684,607</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,684,607</u>
Fund Balance June 30, 2021 - B-1 (Governmental)	\$2,349,994		
Cost of capital assets - net	96,416		
Net Position before pension adjustments	2,446,410		
Less: pension adjustments net (Note 16) (Deficit)	(1,436,859)		
Total Net Position, June 30, 2021 (Governmental)	<u>\$1,009,551</u>		

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
As of June 30, 2021

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted	\$1,799,767	\$0	\$1,799,767
Receivables	80,493	336,481	416,974
Security Deposit - Rental	20,000		20,000
Interfund	860,167	(330,485)	529,682
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	125,000	70,622	195,622
Total assets	<u>\$2,885,427</u>	<u>\$76,618</u>	<u>\$2,962,045</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$396,007	\$5,996	\$402,003
Due to School Districts	123,470		123,470
Compensated Absences Payable	86,578		86,578
PPP/SBA Loan Payable (Note 17)			
Total liabilities	<u>606,055</u>	<u>5,996</u>	<u>612,051</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Capital reserve account	50,000		50,000
Charter School Escrow Reserve	75,000		75,000
Student Activities - Reserve		70,622	70,622
Unassigned, reported in:			
General fund	2,154,372		2,154,372
Total Fund balances	<u>2,279,372</u>	<u>70,622</u>	<u>2,349,994</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,885,427</u>	<u>\$ 76,618</u>	<u>\$ 2,962,045</u>

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

Fund Balance Governmental June 30, 2021	\$ 2,349,994
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$300,436 and the accumulated depreciation is (\$204,020)	300,436 <u>(204,020)</u> 96,416
Net position before pension adjustments	2,446,410
Deferred Outflows related to pension contributions subsequent to the Net Pension Liability measurement date and other deferred items are not current financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the fund statements. (See Note 6)	626,146
Deferred Inflows related to pension actuarial gains from experience and differences in actual returns and assumed returns and other deferred items are not reported as liabilities in the fund statements. (See Note 6)	(674,205)
Long-term liabilities, including net pension liability, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds (See Note 6)	(1,388,800)
Net position of governmental activities - June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 1,009,551</u>

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THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES			
Local sources:			
Local Share	\$ 1,325,466	\$ -	\$ 1,325,466
State Share	3,572,487	-	3,572,487
PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness (Note 17)	559,000		559,000
Miscellaneous	78,522	40,600	119,122
Total - Local Sources	<u>5,535,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,576,075</u>
State Sources	1,047,230	-	1,047,230
Federal Sources	-	515,553	515,553
Total Revenues	<u>6,582,705</u>	<u>556,153</u>	<u>7,138,858</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	\$ 2,293,085	\$ 553,437	\$ 2,846,522
Support services- General Administrative	1,604,174	-	1,604,174
Support Services- School Admin/ operations plant serv	839,059		839,059
On-behalf TPAF Social Security / Pension / Medical	787,237		787,237
Capital outlay	-		-
Total Expenditures	<u>5,523,555</u>	<u>553,437</u>	<u>6,076,992</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1,059,150</u>	<u>2,716</u>	<u>1,061,866</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	-	-
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances - Increase	<u>1,059,150</u>	<u>2,716</u>	<u>1,061,866</u>
Fund balance - July 1, 2020 (as originally stated)	\$ 1,220,222	\$ -	\$ 1,220,222
Restatement of Fund Balance due to Implementation of GASB 84 - Student Activity	-	67,906	67,906
Fund Balance as restated July 1, 2020	<u>\$ 1,220,222</u>	<u>\$ 67,906</u>	<u>\$ 1,288,129</u>
Fund balance - June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 2,279,372</u>	<u>\$ 70,622</u>	<u>\$ 2,349,994</u>

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (from B-2) \$ 1,061,866

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.

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

Depreciation expense	\$ (30,044)	
Capital outlays	<u>-</u>	(30,044)

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

Change in net position of governmental activities - Increase (from A-2) \$ 1,031,822

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PROPRIETARY FUNDS

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Net Position
Proprietary Funds
As of June 30, 2021

		Business-type Activities	
		Enterprise funds	
		Food Service	
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	302,264	
Accounts receivable - Federal Aid		35,922	
Accounts receivable - State Aid		1,563	
Accounts receivable - Other		-	
Total current assets		339,749	
Noncurrent assets:			
Total noncurrent assets		-	
Total assets	\$	339,749	
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Due To General Fund		339,749	
Accounts Payable		-	
Total current liabilities		339,749	
Total liabilities		339,749	
NET POSITION			
Unrestricted		-	
Total net position	\$	-	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	\$	339,749	

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

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Proprietary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services:	
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Programs and Lunch Program	\$ 382
Miscellaneous Revenue	-
Total operating revenues	382
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and Benefits	1,031
Supplies, Materials and Other Expenses	94,675
Afterschool Technical Service	0
Total Operating Expenses	95,706
Operating income (loss)	(95,324)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
State sources:	
State Breakfast Program	
State school lunch program	1,763
Federal sources:	
National school breakfast program	683
National school lunch program	21,048
National snack program	34,453
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	57,947
Income (loss) before contributions & transfers	(37,377)
Capital contributions	37,377
Transfers in (out)	
Change in net position	-
Total net position - beginning -7/1/20	0
Total net position - ending - 6/30/21	\$ -

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

Exhibit B-6

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
 Statement of Cash Flows
 Proprietary Funds
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Business-type Activities
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 382
Payments to suppliers	(95,706)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	<u>(95,324)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Transfer from General Fund	37,377
State and Federal Sources	109,536
Net cash provided by (used for) non-capital financing activities	<u>146,913</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	51,589
Net adjustment in Interfund	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	250,675
Cash and Cash Equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 302,264</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (37,377)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by Operating activities	
Transfer from General Fund Subsidy	37,377
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net	51,589
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	-
Total adjustments	<u>88,966</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 51,589</u>

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

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Exhibit B-7

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
As of June 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit B-8

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds**

NOT APPLICABLE

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY

Ethical Community Charter School ("Charter School") is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an education institution. The Board of Trustees (the 'Board') consists of appointed officials and are responsible for the fiscal control of the Charter School. A director is appointed by the Board and is the administrative control of the Charter School.

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

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, section of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds of the Charter School over which the Board exercises operating control. There were no additional entities required to be included in the reporting entity under the criteria as described above, in the current fiscal year. Furthermore, the Charter School is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

A. Basis of Presentation

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

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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 primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

Government-Wide Statements

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

Fund Financial Statements

During the fiscal year, 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 this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

B. Fund Accounting

The Charter School uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

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

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Charter School included budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles as they pertain to governmental entities state that General Fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, district taxes and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings that 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 of the Enterprise Funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Proprietary Funds

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

Enterprise Fund - The Enterprise Fund is utilized to account for operations that were financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the Charter School is that the costs (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing education 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 appropriate 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 position) is segregated into invested in capital assets net of related debt and unrestricted net position, if

ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

applicable. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total position.

Depreciation of fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary 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. As of June 30, 2021, there was no Fiduciary Fund due to the adoption of GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statements of net position and the statement of activities, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet.

Operating statement of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources), and decreases (i.e. Expenditures and other finances uses) during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

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

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (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 determine and "available" means collectible with the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. State equalization monies are recognized as revenue during the period in which they are appropriated. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental funds revenues.

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general and special revenue funds. The budgets are submitted to the county office for approval. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting, except for the special revenue fund as described later. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by School Board resolution at any time during the fiscal year subject to the limitation of P.L 2004 c73 (S 1701).

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the last state aid payment for budgetary purposes only and 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.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the grant accounting budgetary basis. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Exhibit C-3 represents a reconciliation of the General Fund revenues and Special Revenue Fund revenues and expenditures from the budgetary basis of accounting as presented in the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund and Special Revenue Fund to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in Exhibit B-2.

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F. Encumbrances

Under encumbrance accounting purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds, other than the special revenue fund, are reported as

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

reservations of fund balances at fiscal year end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund, for which the Charter School has received advances, are reflected in the balance sheet as deferred revenues at fiscal year end. There were \$0 of encumbrances at June 30, 2021. The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

G. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

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

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

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan institutions, banks (both state and national banks) and savings banks, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

H. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

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

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Inventories in the Proprietary Funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in-first-out (FIFO) method.

I. Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

Short-term interfund receivables/payables represent amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to/from a particular fund in the Charter School and that are due within one year.

J. Capital Assets

General Fund capital assets result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair market value as of the date received. The Charter School maintains a capitalization threshold of \$2,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are not.

All reported capital assets except for land are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description of Capital Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Lives (Years)</u>
Leasehold improvements	15
Furniture and Equipment	7

K. Compensated Absences

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

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is in the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported. The Charter School had a compensated absence liability of \$86,578 at June 30, 2021.

L. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, payables and accrued liabilities those, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the governmental funds. However, the noncurrent portion of compensated absences and mortgage payable that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable, available financial resources.

M. Net Position/Fund Balance

School-Wide Statements

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

- Invested in Capital Assets - consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included. Also included in invested in capital assets are amounts the Charter School prepaid in advance of the work performed.
- Restricted Net Position - reports net position when constraints placed on the residual amount of noncapital assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted Net Position - any portion of net position not already classified as either net invested in capital assets or net position - restricted is classified as net position – unrestricted, which includes deferred inflows and outflows

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fund Balance and Equity

The Charter School follows GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions (“GASB 54”), in establishing fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. Under GASB 54, fund balances in the governmental funds' financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting and classified into the following five categories, as defined below:

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

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

Restricted Fund Balances

Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation.

Charter School Escrow Reserve – This restriction was created in accordance with New Jersey Department of Education in Paragraph 2.17 of the Charter School Agreement to be utilized in the event of dissolution of the Charter. The amount of charter school escrow reserve at June 30, 2021 amounted to \$75,000.

Student Activities – This restriction was created in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.12 to represent the accumulation of funds derived from athletic events and other student organizations reserved for the payment of student group activities. The amount of student activity reserve at June 30, 2021 amounted to \$70,622.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

N. Unearned/Deferred Revenue

Unearned/Deferred revenue in the special revenue fund represents cash that has been received but not yet earned.

O. Fund Equity

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not available for appropriation for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Designated fund balances represent plans for future use of financial resources.

P. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Q. On-Behalf Payments

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

R. Deferred Outflows/Inflows

Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the school-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions; and (5) contributions made subsequent to the measurement date. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School has one type which arise only under the accrual basis of accounting that qualify for reporting in this category. The item that qualifies for reporting in this category is the deferred amounts on net pension liability.

Deferred amounts on net pension liability are reported in the school-wide statement of net position and result from: (1) differences between expected and actual experience; (2) changes in assumptions; (3) net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments; and (4) changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions. These amounts are deferred and amortized over future years.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

S. Compensated Absences

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

Charter School employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave in accordance with the Charter School's personnel policy. The Charter School's policy permits employees to accumulate unused sick and personal days and carry forward the full amount to subsequent years. Upon termination or upon retirement, employees are currently not paid for accrued vacation or unused sick and personal days.

As of June 30, 2021, Charter School-wide compensated absences amounted to \$86,578.

T. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Charter School follows the accounting and disclosure standards pertaining to GASB No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, for qualifying assets and liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that the Charter School would receive upon selling an asset or pay to settle a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The Charter School uses a framework for measuring fair value that includes a hierarchy that categorizes and prioritizes the sources used to measure and disclose fair value. This hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on inputs that market participants would use in valuing the financial instruments based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Charter School. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the financial instrument, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that are developed using market data, such as publicly available information about actual events or transactions, and which reflect the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available and that are developed using the best information available about the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability.

The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3 - Inputs that are unobservable and which require significant judgment or estimation.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

An asset or liability's level within the framework is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

U. Adoption of New Accounting Standard

During fiscal year 2021, the Charter School adopted GASB Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities (GASB 84). GASB 84 enhances the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. Specifically, GASB 84 establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. As part of the adoption, the Charter School no longer considers activities in the Unemployment Fund Account, Payroll Agency Fund and Student activities as fiduciary activities applicable under GASB 84. As a result, the Charter School no longer presents a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, and records payroll deductions and withholdings payable, unemployment activities in the General Fund in the Governmental Fund financial statements. The School did not maintain an Unemployment Trust Account.

Student activities are recorded in the Special Revenue Fund in the Governmental Fund financial statements. Special Revenue Fund balance as of June 30, 2020, was restated by \$67,906 to meet requirements of the new standard as follows:

Fund Balance, June 30, 2020 as previously stated	\$	0
Adoption of GASB 84		67,906
Fund Balance, June 30, 2020 as restated		\$ 67,906

V. Accounting Standard Issued but Not Yet Adopted

The GSAB Issued Statement No. 87, Leases in June 2017. This Statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for leases by lessees and lessors. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after December 20, 2020. Management has not yet determined the impact of this statement on the financial statements.

3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Charter School's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Charter School does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit

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3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the Charter School in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled agency funds such as salary withholdings, and student activity funds, or funds that may pass to the Charter School relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are classified as uninsured and uncollateralized. As of June 30, 2021, the Charter School's bank balances were insured for \$250,000 by the FDIC and the remaining balance was subject to the provisions of the GUDPA.

The Board is permitted to invest public funds in accordance with the types of securities authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37. Examples of the allowable investments are bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, Government Money Market Mutual Funds, bonds or other obligations of the Charter School or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the Charter School is located, Local Government investment pools, and agreements or the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if transacted in accordance with the above statute.

As of June 30, 2021, the Charter School had no investments.

4. LONG-TERM LEASES

The school leases its premises under the terms of a non-cancelable lease. The school exercised an option to renew its lease for an additional four years. In addition, the school also pays for certain maintenance and other costs associated with the building. Rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 amounted to \$295,892. Future obligations over the primary terms of the long-term lease are as follows:

2022	\$279,016
2023	<u>\$284,596</u>
	<u>\$563,612</u>

5. PENISON PLANS

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

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5 PENISON PLANS (continued)

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

The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the School and the systems other related non-contributing employers.

Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

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

The public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan. Membership is mandatory for substantially all full time employees of the State of New Jersey or any county, municipality, School, or public agency, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state administered retirement system or other state or local jurisdiction.

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

Vesting and Benefit Provisions - The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15a and 43:03B and N.J.S.A. 18A: for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. 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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5 **PENISON PLANS (continued)**

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

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

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

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

Funding Changes - Under the new legislation, the methodology for calculating the unfunded accrued liability payment portion of the employer's annual pension contribution to the PERS, and TPAF.

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) will be amortized for each plan over an open-ended 30 year period and paid in level dollars. Beginning with the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation (July 1, 2019 for PERS), the UAAL will be amortized over a closed 30 year period until the remaining period reaches 20, when the amortization period will revert to an open-ended 20 year period.

COLA Suspension

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

Contribution Requirements

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

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

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5 PENSION PLANS (continued)

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

Annual Pension Costs (APC)

Per the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27 for the year ended June 30, 2011 for TPAF, which is a cost sharing plan with special funding situations, annual pension cost differs from the annual required contribution. For PERS, which is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension cost equals contributions made. TPAF employer contributions are made annually by the State of New Jersey to the pension system on behalf of the Board. PERS employer contributions are made annually by the Board to the pension system in accordance with Chapter 114, P.L. 1997. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

The School's contribution to PERS for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$108,293.

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:66-66 the School recorded as revenue for the year ended June 30, 2021 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries in the amount of \$118,943. Also the State paid \$668,294 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the TPAF Pension System Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions for the School. These amounts have been included in the school wide financial statements and the fund financial statements as a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 24.

6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the

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6 PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

TPAF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the TPAF.

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

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

The employer contributions for the Charter School are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:66-33. Therefore, the Charter School (employer) is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the Charter School. However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School was \$10,668,363 as measured on June 30, 2020 and \$9,779,300 as measured on June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$664,648 and revenue of \$664,648 for support provided by the State. The measurement period for the pension expense and revenue reported in the Charter School's financial statements (A-2) at June 30, 2021 is based upon changes in the collective net pension liability with a measurement period of June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2019. Accordingly, the pension expense and the related revenue associated with the support provided by the State are based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020.

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

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	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$9,458,881,999	\$9,932,767,606
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$14,424,322,612	\$17,539,845,423
Collective net pension liability (Non-employer - State of New Jersey)	\$ 65,848,796,740	\$ 61,519,112,443
State’s portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School	\$10,668,363	\$9,779,300
State’s portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School as a percentage of the collective net pension liability	.016231%	.015934%

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation (Price):	2.75%
Inflation (Wage):	3.25%
Salary Increases: 2011-2026	1.55 - 4.55% based on years of service
Salary Increases: Thereafter	2.75 - 5.65% based on years of service
Investment Rate of Return:	7%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2020.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7% at June 30, 2020) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the

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Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits and the actuaries. The long term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020, are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk mitigation strategies	27.00%	7.71%
Cash equivalents	13.50%	8.57%
U.S. Treasuries	5.50%	10.23%
Investment grade credit	13.00%	11.42%
High yield	3.00%	9.73%
Private credit	8.00%	9.56%
Real assets	2.00%	5.95%
Real estate	8.00%	7.59%
US equity	8.00%	2.67%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	4.00%	0.50%
Emerging markets equity	5.00%	1.94%
Private equity	3.00%	3.40%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the State's total pension liability was 5.40% as of June 30, 2020. This single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 2.21% as of June 30, 2020, based on the Bond Buyer Go Twenty-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher.

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contributions rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the state. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members through 2062. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2062 and municipal bond rate was applied to project benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

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

Since the Charter School’s has no proportionate share of the net pension liability because of the special funding situation, the Charter School would not be sensitive to any changes in the discount rate. Detailed information about the pension plan’s sensitivity of the collective net pension liability to changes in the discount rate is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/documents/financial/gasb68-tpaf20.pdf>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/gasb-notices.shtml>.

Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

At June 30, 2021, the Charter School reported a liability of \$1,388,800 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020.

The Charter School’s proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2020. At June 30, 2020, the Charter School’s proportion was .008516%.

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For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$172,300. At June 30, 2021, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 25,288	\$ 4,911
Changes of assumptions	45,054	581,504
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	47,470	54,606
Changes in proportion and differences between Charter School contributions and proportionate share of contributions	415,169	33,188
Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date.	93,165	-0-
Total	\$626,146	\$674,205

The Charter School reported \$93,165 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ended June 30, 2021, the plan measurement date was June 30, 2019) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2021.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Year Ended June 30:
2021	(\$174,269)
2022	(158,880)
2023	(90,796)
2024	(36,716)
2025	(7,941)
Total:	(\$468,603)

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	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$2,347,583,337	\$3,419,522,616
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$7,849,949,467	\$7,645,087,574
Collective net pension liability (Non-State-Local Group)	\$16,435,616,426	\$18,143,832,135
Charter School's proportion of net pension liability	\$1,388,800	\$1,286,646
Charter School's proportion percentage	.008516%	.007141%

Actuarial Assumptions

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2019 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2019. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation rate:	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
Through 2026	2.00% – 6.00% - based on years of service
Thereafter	3.00 – 7.00% - based on years of service
Investment Rate of Return:	7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2019.

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

The following presents the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using

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a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower or one-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	2020		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$1,620,267	\$1,388,800	\$1,190,400

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/gasb-notices.shtml>.

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2019 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018. It is likely that future experience will not exactly conform to these assumptions. To the extent that actual experience deviates from these assumptions, the emerging liabilities may be higher or lower than anticipated. The more the experience deviates, the larger the impact on future financial statements.

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2020) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020, are summarized in the following table:

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk mitigation strategies	27.00%	7.71%
Cash equivalents	13.50%	8.57%
U.S. Treasuries	5.50%	10.23%
Investment grade credit	13.00%	11.42%
High yield	3.00%	9.73%
Private credit	8.00%	9.56%
Real assets	2.00%	5.95%
Real estate	8.00%	7.59%
US equity	8.00%	2.67%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	4.00%	0.50%
Emerging markets equity	5.00%	1.94%
Private equity	3.00%	3.40%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate is assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be based on 78% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

7 POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the post-retirement health benefit program plan for charter schools.

As a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans, the post-retirement health benefit program plan is reported in an Agency Fund in the New Jersey Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. In addition, the plan is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Therefore, the plan has no assets accumulated in a trust. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pension (GASB No. 75), the plan is classified as a multiple employer defined benefit OPEB plan with a special funding situation that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB No. 75.

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The State of New Jersey sponsors and administers the following post-retirement health benefit program plan covering certain local charter school employees, including those Board employees and retirees eligible for coverage.

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7 POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

State Health Benefit Program Fund - Local Education Retired Employees Plan (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) - N.J.S.A. 52: 14-17.32f provides medical coverage, prescription drug benefits and Medicare Part B reimbursement to qualified retired education employees and their covered dependents. 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 years of service or on a disability retirement. Under the provisions of Chapter 126, P.L. 1992, the State also provides employer-paid coverage to members of the 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.

Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division Pensions Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the above Fund. The financial reports may be accessed via the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions.

Plan Membership

Membership of the defined benefit OPEB plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2019:

Active Plan Members	
Inactive Plan Members or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	\$216,804
Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but not yet Receiving Benefits	<u>149 304</u>
Total	<u>\$217,257</u>

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the post-employment health benefit plans are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental organizations. In doing so, the Division adheres to reporting requirements established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accrual basis of accounting is used for measuring financial

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7 POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

position and changes in net position of the post-employment health benefit plans. Under this method, contributions are recorded in the accounting period in which they are legally due from the employer or plan member, and deductions are recorded at the time the liabilities are due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. The accounts of the Division are organized and operated on the basis of funds. All funds are accounted for using an economic resources measurement focus.

Investment Valuation

Investments are reported at fair value. Investments that do not have an established market are reported at estimated fair value. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

Collective Net OPEB Liability

The collective net OPEB liability of the State, as the non-employer contributing entity, of the plan at June 30, 2020 is \$67.8 billion, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability is zero percent.

The total OPEB liabilities were determined based on actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2019 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2020.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the June 30, 2019 OPEB actuarial valuation, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in these valuations were described in the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods section of the Actuary's report and are included here in this note to the financial statements. The Plan selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 75. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions

The funding policy of the OPEB plan is pay as you go basis; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability. Contributions to pay for the health benefit premiums of participating employees in the OPEB plan are made by the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, under a special funding situation in accordance with State statutes as previously disclosed. The State as a non-employer contributing entity made contributions of \$1.18 billion to the OPEB plan in fiscal year 2019.

The State sets the contribution rate based on a pay as you go basis rather than the actuarial determined contribution an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of

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7 POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

GASB Statement 75. The actuarial determined contribution represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) of the plan using a systematic and rational method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with OPEB through the Plan. The State's contributions, as a nonemployer contributing entity, to the State Health Benefits Program Fund — Local Education Retired Employees Plan for retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the charter school for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$159,280 and \$134,445, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for each year. The State's contributions to the State Health Benefits Program Fund — Local Education Retired Employees Plan for PERS retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the charter school was not determined or made available by the State of New Jersey. The on-behalf OPEB contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 85.

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the State Health Benefit Program Fund — Local Education Retired Employees Plan to recognize their proportionate share of the collective OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense. The nonemployer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as a nonemployer toward the actuarially determined contribution amount to total contributions to the plan during the measurement period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes.

In accordance with GASB No. 75, the charter school is not required to recognize an OPEB liability for the post-employment health benefit plan. The State of New Jersey, as a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to the plan on behalf of the charter school. Accordingly, the charter school's proportionate share percentage determined under Statement No. 75 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school. Therefore, in addition, the charter school does not recognize any portion of the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the charter school recognized in the charter school-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) OPEB expense of \$796,214. This amount has been included in the charter school-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) as both a revenue and expense in accordance with GASB No. 85.

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7 POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

At June 30, 2021 the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school is \$5,282,789. The nonemployer allocation percentages are based on the ratio of the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school at June 30, 2020 to the total OPEB liability of the State Health Benefit Program Fund — Local Education Retired Employees Plan at June 30, 2020. At June 30, 2020, the state's share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school was .01%, which was unchanged from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2019 of .01%.

Actuarial Assumptions

The OPEB liability for the June 30, 2020 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2020. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary Increases*	
PERS:	
Initial Fiscal Year Applied Through	2026
Rate	2.00% to 6.00%
Rate Thereafter	3.00% to 7.00%
TPAF:	
Initial Fiscal Year Applied Through	2026
Rate	1.55% to 4.45%
Rate Thereafter	1.55% to 4.45%
Mortality:	Pre-retirement and Post-retirement based on Pub-2010 Healthy
PERS	"General" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020.
TPAF	Pre-retirement and Post-retirement based on Pub-2010 Healthy "Teachers" and "General" classifications respectively, headcount-weighted mortality tables with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2020.

*Salary increases are based on the defined benefit pension plan that the member is enrolled in and the members years of service.

For the June 30, 2020 measurement date healthcare cost trend rates for pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2021 are reflected. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 7.0 % and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%.

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7 POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of the TPAF and PERS actuarial experience studies for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 and July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018, respectively.

100% of active members are considered to participate in the plan upon retirement.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liabilities of the plan was as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2021	June 30, 2020	2.21 %
2020	June 30, 2019	3.50%

The discount rate represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The change in the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 (measurement date June 30, 2020) is as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability (State Share 100%)
Balance, June 30, 2019 Measurement Date	2,451,548
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:	
Service Cost	437,465
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	99,568
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	1,418,363
Changes of Assumptions	964,975
Gross Benefit Payments	(91,968)
Contributions from the Member	2,788
Net Changes	<u>5,282,739</u>
Balance, June 30, 2020 Measurement Date	<u><u>2,831,191</u></u>

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7 POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.50 % percent in 2019 to 2.21% percent in 2020. The change in the total OPEB liability was based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school at June 30, 2020.

Sensitivity of OPEB Liability

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school calculated using the discount rate of 2.21%, as well as what the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school that would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.21 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.21 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (1.21%)	Current Discount Rate (2.21%)	1% Increase (3.21%)
State's Proportionate Share of the OPEB Liability Attributable to the charter school	\$6,368,615	\$5,282,739	\$4,433,689

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1percentage-point lower or 1 -percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees)	\$4,264,405	\$5,282,739	\$6,495,348

The sensitivity analyses were based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school at June 30, 2020. Sensitivity analyses specific to the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the charter school at June 30, 2020 were not provided by the pension system.

8 COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Charter School accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), "Accounting for Compensated Absences". A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already

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8 **COMPENSATED ABSENCES (continued)**

rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

Charter School employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave in accordance with the Charter School's personnel policy. The Charter School's policy permits employees to accumulate unused sick and personal days and carry forward the full amount to subsequent years. Upon termination or upon retirement, employees are currently not paid for accrued vacation or unused sick and personal days.

As of June 30, 2021, Charter School-wide compensated absences amounted to \$86,578.

9 **DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

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

10 **ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

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

11 **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

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

If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Charter School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2021, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Charter School believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the Charter School.

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

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12 RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation - The Charter School has not 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.

13 RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of June 30, 2021 consisted of accounts, intergovernmental, grants and miscellaneous. All receivables are considered collectible in full.

A summary of the principal items of receivables are as follows:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Proprietary Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receivables:				
Accounts	<u>\$80,493</u>	<u>\$336,481</u>	<u>\$37,485</u>	<u>\$454,459</u>
Gross Receivables	<u>\$80,493</u>	<u>\$336,481</u>	<u>\$37,485</u>	<u>\$454,459</u>

14 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following schedule is a summarization of the changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021:

	<u>Beginning Balance June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Net Additions (Deletions)</u>	<u>Ending Balance June 30, 2021</u>
Governmental Activities			
Capital assets, being depreciated:			
Leasehold Improvements and Equipment	\$300,436	---	\$300,436
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$300,436	\$0	\$300,436
Less: accumulated depreciation for:			
Leasehold Improvements and Equipment	173,976	30,044	204,020
Total accumulated depreciation	173,976	30,044	204,020
Total capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation	<u>\$126,460</u>	<u>(\$30,044)</u>	<u>\$96,416</u>

Depreciation expense of \$30,044 was charged to an unallocated function.

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15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Charter School has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the financial statement date through February 24, 2022 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, the Charter School has determined that the following subsequent events needed to be disclosed:

During fiscal year 2021, COVID-19 continued to be recognized as a global pandemic. Federal, state and local governments in the United States have imposed restrictions on travel and business operations. While the business disruption is currently expected to be temporary, there is considerable uncertainty around the duration and the impact it will have on the Charter School's operations and financial position. As a result, the adverse impact COVID-19 will have on the Charter School's businesses, operating results, cash flows, and financial condition is uncertain. It is management's opinion that the adverse impact would not be material.

16. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Fund balance per B-1 – Governmental – June 30, 2021	\$2,349,994
Cost of capital assets – net accumulated depreciation	96,416
Pension deferred outflows	626,146
Pension deferred inflows	(674,205)
Deferred pension liability as of June 30, 2021	(1,388,800)
Net position (per A-1) – Governmental as of June 30, 2021	<u>\$1,009,551</u>

17. LOAN PAYABLE PPP - SBA

The Company received a loan from BCB Community Bank in the amount of \$559,000 under the Paycheck Protection Program established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The loan is subject to a note dated April 29, 2020 and the company anticipated that it will be forgiven, given that the proceeds of the loan were used for eligible expenditures such as payroll and other expenses described in the CARES Act. However, no determination has been made as to whether the Company will be eligible for forgiveness, in whole or in part. The loan bears

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17. LOAN PAYABLE PPP – SBA (continued)

interest at a rate of 1% and is payable in monthly installments of principal and interest over 24 months beginning 6 months from the date of the note. The loan may be repaid at any time with no prepayment penalty. This loan was forgiven in fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 and the \$559,000 has been classified as revenue at June 30, 2021. A total amount of \$559,000 is reflected as miscellaneous revenue in the General Fund.

18. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Interfunds - The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2021 is as follows:

Fund	Interfunds Receivable	Interfunds Payable
General	\$860,167	(\$0)
Special Revenue		(330,485)
Food Service Agency		(339,750)
Fiduciary Fund		(58,157)
Student Activity		(81,425)
Payroll Account		(50,350)
Total	\$860,167	(\$860,167)

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from payments made by certain funds on behalf of other funds.

Interfund Transfers:

	<u>Transfer In:</u>
	Food Service Fund
Transfer Out:	
General Fund	\$37,377
Total Transfers	\$37,377

A transfer of \$37,377 was made from the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund to subsidize the loss in the Food Service Fund.

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19. OPERATING LEASES

The school leases various office and instructional equipment under noncancelable operating leases. Lease payments for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 were \$12,390. The future minimum lease payments for these operating leases are summarized below.

Fiscal Year Ending	Governmental Activities
2022	\$16,114
2023	\$9,181
2024	\$10,788
2025	\$10,788
2026	\$10,788

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART II**

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
REVENUES:					
Local Sources:					
Local Share	\$0	\$1,325,466	1,325,466	\$1,325,466	\$0
Local Share - JC Payroll Tax	\$856,428	(\$12,180)	844,248	844,248	0
State Share	4,172,228	(1,443,989)	2,728,239	2,728,239	0
PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness				559,000	(559,000)
Miscellaneous	0	72,950	72,950	78,522	(5,572)
Total - Local Sources	<u>5,028,656</u>	<u>(57,753)</u>	<u>4,970,903</u>	<u>5,535,475</u>	<u>(564,572)</u>
Categorical Aid					
Special Education	145,835	(21,540)	124,295	124,295	\$0
Security Aid	131,405	4,293	135,698	135,698	\$0
Adjustment Aid	0	0	0	0	\$0
TPAF LT Disability (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	0	0	0	758	(\$758)
TPAF Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	0	0	0	159,280	(159,280)
TPAF Pension (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	0	0	0	508,256	(508,256)
TPAF Social Security (Reimbursed - Non-Budgeted)	0	0	0	118,943	(118,943)
Total State Sources	<u>277,240</u>	<u>(17,247)</u>	<u>259,993</u>	<u>1,047,230</u>	<u>(787,237)</u>
Total Revenues	<u>5,305,896</u>	<u>(75,000)</u>	<u>5,230,896</u>	<u>6,582,705</u>	<u>(1,351,809)</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Current Expense:					
Regular Programs - Instruction					
Teachers Salary	2,480,521	(539,977)	1,940,544	1,575,554	364,990
Other Salaries	63,707	373,900	437,607	432,967	4,640
Prof/Tech Services	270,000	(160,000)	110,000	106,197	3,803
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	46,000	(10,000)	36,000	32,915	3,085
General Supplies	62,395	5,000	67,395	66,121	1,274
Textbooks	27,415	20,000	47,415	33,951	13,464
Other Objects	34,000	19,000	53,000	45,380	7,620
TOTAL REGULAR PROGRAMS - INSTRUCTION	<u>2,984,038</u>	<u>(292,077)</u>	<u>2,691,961</u>	<u>2,293,085</u>	<u>398,876</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Support Services - General Administrative					
Salaries of Administrative Salaries	\$376,533	(\$95,500)	\$281,033	\$279,997	\$1,036
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	296,675	91,000	387,675	387,611	64
Cost of Benefits	575,000	146,500	721,500	700,955	20,545
Professional/Tech Services	99,280	48,650	147,930	147,553	377
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	34,562	23,350	57,912	44,313	13,599
Communications/Telephone	11,550	16,000	27,550	25,888	1,662
Supplies and Materials	15,171	(12,500)	2,671	870	1,801
Miscellaneous	11,550	7,000	18,550	16,987	1,563
	<u>1,420,321</u>	<u>224,500</u>	<u>1,644,821</u>	<u>1,604,174</u>	<u>40,647</u>
Support Services - School Admin/Operation Plant Services					
Salaries	273,537	46,200	319,737	302,107	\$17,630
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	100,000	(67,000)	33,000	32,576	424
Other Purchased Services	100,000	(29,000)	71,000	57,022	13,978
Rent	288,000	8,000	296,000	295,892	108
Insurance	65,000	0	65,000	56,663	8,337
General Supplies	35,000	(3,000)	32,000	21,421	10,579
Transportation- Trips	0	0	0	0	0
Energy (Energy and Electricity)	40,000	0	40,000	36,001	3,999
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Total Undist. Expend. - Other Oper. & Maint. Of Plant	<u>901,537</u>	<u>(44,800)</u>	<u>856,737</u>	<u>801,682</u>	<u>55,055</u>
Food Service					
Other Purchased Saervices	0	37,377	37,377	37,377	0
Total Food Services	<u>0</u>	<u>37,377</u>	<u>37,377</u>	<u>37,377</u>	<u>0</u>
TPAF LT Disability (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)				758	(758)
On-behalf TPAF Medical Contributions (non-budgeted)				159,280	(159,280)
On-behalf TPAF pension Contributions (non-budgeted)				508,256	(508,256)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (non-budgeted)			0	118,943	(118,943)
TOTAL ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS			<u>0</u>	<u>787,237</u>	<u>(787,237)</u>
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES					
	2,321,858	217,077	2,538,935	2,443,233	95,702
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE	<u>5,305,896</u>	<u>(75,000)</u>	<u>5,230,896</u>	<u>5,523,555</u>	<u>(292,659)</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Equipment					
Regular Programs - Instruction:					
Instructional Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Non-instructional equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Purchased Improvements	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0
Total Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES- GENERAL FUND	5,305,896	(75,000)	5,230,896	5,523,555	(292,659)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,059,150</u>	<u>(1,059,150)</u>
Other Financing Sources:					
Operating Transfer In:	0		0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	1,059,150	(1,059,150)
Fund Balance, July 1, 2020	0	0	1,220,222	1,220,222	0
Fund Balance, June 30, 2021	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,220,222</u>	<u>\$2,279,372</u>	<u>(\$1,059,150)</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Special Revenue Fund

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUES:					
Local Sources	\$40,600		\$40,600	\$40,600	
State Sources	-		-	-	
Federal Sources	515,553		515,553	515,553	
Total Revenues	556,153		556,153	556,153	
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction					
Salaries of Teachers	145,846		145,846	145,846	
Other Salaries for Instruction					
Purchased Professional -Educational Services	206,211		206,211	206,211	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	-		-	-	
Tutoring Program	-		-	-	
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)					
Instructional Supplies	193,496		193,496	193,496	
Textbooks					
General Supplies	-		-	-	
Student Activity	7,884		7,884	7,884	
Personal Services- Employee Benefits	-		-	-	
Other Objects	-		-	-	
Instructional Equipment	-		-	-	
Total Instruction	553,437		553,437	553,437	
Support Services					
Salaries of Supervisor of Instruction	-		-	-	
Salaries of Program Directors	-		-	-	
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	-		-	-	
Salaries of Secretaries & Clerical Assistants					
Communication	-		-	-	
Personal Services - Employee Benefits					
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	-		-	-	
Other Purchased Professional Services					
Supplies and Materials					
Security					
Scholarships					
Furniture and Fixtures					
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)					
Field trips					
Total Support Services	-		-	-	

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 Special Revenue Fund
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	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
Buildings Improvements		-	-	-	-
Instructional Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Noninstructional Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Transfer to Charter School	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>553,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>553,437</u>	<u>553,437</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfer in from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Out to Whole School Reform (General Fund)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Outflows	<u>553,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>553,437</u>	<u>553,437</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,716</u>	<u>\$2,716</u>

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Required Supplementary Information
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Note to RSI
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

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

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

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - PERS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30*
(UNAUDITED)**

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.008516%	0.007141%	0.006756%	0.004891%	0.005823%	0.0053800%
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	1,388,800	1,286,646	1,330,196	1,139,806	1,724,849	1,207,818
Charter School Covered employee payroll	\$680,360	\$449,737	\$449,318	\$437,002	\$254,532	\$338,985
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	204.2%	257.5%	296.0%	260.8%	677.7%	356.3%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	49%	38.8%	33.8%	38.3%	14.8%	28.1%

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

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SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - PERS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30*
(UNAUDITED)**

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$93,165	\$69,458	\$68,112	\$73,111	\$52,747	\$46,258
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(93,165)	(69,458)	(68,112)	(73,111)	(52,747)	(46,258)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charter School Covered employee payroll	680,360	499,737	449,318	437,002	254,532	377,108
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	13.7%	13.9%	15.2%	16.7%	20.7%	12.3%

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

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

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)**	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)**	0	0	0	0	0	0
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the Charter School	10,668,363	9,779,300	9,100,498	8,895,180	8,279,173	4,794,595
Total	<u>10,668,363</u>	<u>9,779,300</u>	<u>9,100,498</u>	<u>8,895,180</u>	<u>8,279,173</u>	<u>4,794,595</u>
Charter School Covered employee payroll	1,910,736	1,785,735	1,525,544	1,620,499	1,389,109	912,948
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	24.60%	26.95%	26.49%	25.41%	22.33%	28.71%

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

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PENSION SCHEDULES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
(UNAUDITED)**

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Changes of benefit terms. The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS.

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

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Changes of benefit terms. The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. TPAF provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of TPAF. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

Changes of assumptions. Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Health Annuitant Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA. Pre-retirement mortality improvements for active members are projected using Scale AA from the base year of 2000 until the valuation date plus 15 years to account for future mortality improvement. Post-retirement mortality improvements for non-disabled annuitants are projected using Scale AA from the base year of 2000 for males and 2003 for females until the valuation date plus 7 years to account for future mortality improvement.

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE STATE'S TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (TPAF AND PERS)**

	Fiscal Years*			
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>The State of New Jersey's Total OPEB Liability</u>				
Service Cost	\$1,790,973,822	\$1,734,404,850	\$1,984,642,729	\$2,391,878,884
Interest	1,503,341,357	1,827,787,206	1,970,236,232	1,699,441,736
Change in Benefit Terms				
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	11,544,750,637	(7,323,140,818)	(5,002,065,740)	
Benefit Payment	(1,180,515,618)	(1,280,958,373)	(1,232,987,247)	(1,242,412,566)
Contributions from Members	35,781,384	37,971,171	42,614,005	45,748,749
Changes of Assumptions or other inputs	12,386,549,981	622,184,027	(5,291,448,855)	(7,086,599,129)
Net change in total OPEB liability	\$26,080,881,563	(\$4,381,751,937)	(\$7,529,008,876)	(\$4,191,942,326)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	\$41,729,081,045	\$46,110,832,982	\$53,639,841,858	\$57,831,784,184
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$67,809,962,608	\$41,729,081,045	\$46,110,832,982	\$53,639,841,858
The State of New Jersey's total OPEB liability**	\$67,809,962,608	\$41,729,081,045	\$46,110,832,982	\$53,639,841,858
The State of New Jersey's OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School	\$5,282,789	\$2,451,548	\$1,955,274	\$2,435,558
The Charter School's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability	0	0	0	0
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$2,591,096	\$1,986,888	\$1,974,862	\$2,057,501
Total Charter School's OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Charter School's contribution	None	None	None	None
State's covered employee payroll	\$14,267,738,657	\$13,929,081,045	\$13,640,275,833	\$13,493,400,208
Total State's OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	475.00%	300.00%	338.05%	397.53%

**Note: Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for employees of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) is considered a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 75 in which the State of New Jersey is 100% responsible for contributions to the health insurance plan. The district (employer) does not contribute to the plan and the district's OPEB liability is zero.

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

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

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

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures- Budgetary Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	IDEA	IDEA	CARES			
	IA	I C/O	II	BASIC	Preschool	ACT	Digital Divide GRANT	WELLS FARGO GRANT	STUDENT ACTIVITY
REVENUES	TOTAL								
Intergovernmental									
State									
Federal	515,553	\$175,758	\$39,037	\$18,677	\$74,893	\$1,380	\$129,078	\$76,730	
Other Sources									
Miscellaneous	40,600							30,000	10,600
Total Revenues	556,153	175,758	39,037	18,677	74,893	1,380	129,078	76,730	30,000
EXPENDITURES									
Instruction									
Salaries	145,846	119,680	26,166					0	0
Transportation	0								
Other Purchased services	0								
Purchased Prof. and Tech. Services	206,211	56,078	12,871	18,677	74,893	1,380	42,312		
General Supplies	193,496						129,078	34,418	30,000
Textbooks	0								
Student Activity	7,884								7,884
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	0								
Other Objects	0								
Non Instructional equipment	0								
Total Instruction	553,437	175,758	39,037	18,677	74,893	1,380	129,078	76,730	30,000
Support Services									
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction	0								
Salaries of Program Directors	0								
Salaries of Other Prof. Staff	0								
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Ass't	0								
Other Purchased Services	0								
Security	0								
Supplies and Materials	0								
Other Purchased Services	0								
Purchased Professional/Educational Ser.	0								
Scholarships	0								
Field Trips	0								
Furniture and Fixtures	0								
Total Support Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$553,437	\$175,758	\$39,037	\$18,677	\$74,893	\$1,380	\$129,078	\$76,730	\$30,000

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

ENTERPRISE FUND

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

Exhibit G-1

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
 Statement of Net Position
 Proprietary Funds
 As of June 30, 2021

	Proprietary Funds
	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$302,264
Intergovernmental Receivable	
Federal	23,631
State	13,854
Total Current Assets	<u>339,749</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$339,749</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to Other Funds	\$339,749
Accounts Payable	0
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$339,749</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	0
Invested in capital assets - net	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ 339,749</u></u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position
Proprietary Fund

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u> Enterprise Fund Food Services	<u>Business-Type Activities</u> Enterprise Fund After Care Program	<u>Business-Type Activities</u> Total
OPERATING REVENUES			
Local Sources			
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Programs		---	
Special Lunch and Breakfast Program	\$0		\$0
Miscellaneous Revenue	382	0	382
Total Operating Revenues	<u>382</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>382</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	(871)	(160)	(1,031)
Supplies, Materials & Other	(94,675)	0	(94,675)
Afterschool Technical Services		0	0
Benefits		0	0
Total Operating Expenses	<u>(95,546)</u>	<u>(160)</u>	<u>(95,706)</u>
Income (Loss) From Operations	<u>(95,164)</u>	<u>(160)</u>	<u>(95,324)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues			
State Sources			
National School Lunch	1,763		1,763
Federal Sources			
School Snack Program	683		683
School Breakfast Program	21,048		21,048
National School Lunch Program	34,453		34,453
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>57,947</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57,947</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>(37,217)</u>	<u>(160)</u>	<u>(37,377)</u>
Transfer - Subsidy from General Fund	37,377	0	37,377
Total Net Position - Beginning of Year	0	0	0
Total Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$160</u>	<u>(\$160)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds

	Business - Type Activities
Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash Received from Customers	\$382
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(95,706)
Net Cash (Used) by Operating Activities	(95,324)
 Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
Transfer from General Fund	37,377
Cash Received from State and Federal Subsidy Reimbursements	109,536
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	146,913
 Cash Flows from Investing Activities	---
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	---
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	51,589
Net Adjustment in Interfund	0
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	250,675
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$302,264
 Reconciliation of Operating (Loss) to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
Operating Profit (Loss)	(\$37,377)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating (Loss) to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	
Transfer from General Fund	37,377
Decrease in Accounts Receivable	51,589
Change in Assets and Liabilities	
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	0
Total Adjustment	51,589
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$51,589

**FIDUCIARY FUNDS
(NOT APPLICABLE)**

Exhibit H-1

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Combining Statement of Agency Funds Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
As of June 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit H-2

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Nonexpendable Trust Fund
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NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit H-3

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Student Activity Account
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NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit H-4

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Payroll Agency Fund
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NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit H-5

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
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NOT APPLICABLE

STATISTICAL SECTION

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

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These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the government's financial report relates to the services the government provides and the activities it performs.

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

FINANCIAL TRENDS

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
NET POSITION BY COMPONENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Governmental activities						
Invested in capital assets - net	\$ 96,416	\$ 126,400	\$ 156,504	\$ 186,548	\$ 216,592	\$ 124,613
Restricted Student Activity	70,622					
Restricted - Other	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Unrestricted	717,513	1,095,222	716,362	441,550	264,520	241,146
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 1,009,551</u>	<u>\$ 1,346,622</u>	<u>\$ 997,866</u>	<u>\$ 753,098</u>	<u>\$ 606,112</u>	<u>\$ 490,759</u>
Business-type activities						
Invested in capital assets - net						
Unrestricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total business-type activities net position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School-wide						
Invested in capital assets - net	\$ 96,416	\$ 126,400	\$ 156,504	\$ 186,548	\$ 216,592	\$ 124,613
Restricted Student Activity	76,622					
Restricted - Other	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Unrestricted	717,513	1,095,222	716,362	441,550	264,520	241,146
Total school net position	<u>\$ 1,009,531</u>	<u>\$ 1,346,622</u>	<u>\$ 997,866</u>	<u>\$ 753,098</u>	<u>\$ 606,112</u>	<u>\$ 490,759</u>

Source: School Financial Statements

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30
ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Expenses						
Governmental activities						
Instruction						
Regular	\$ 2,846,522	\$ 2,211,789	\$ 2,068,531	\$ 2,381,191	\$ 2,450,399	\$ 2,146,113
Support Services:						
General administration	1,604,174	1,343,061	1,136,895	992,308	880,712	828,320
School Administrative Services	839,059	1,038,946	925,902	700,979	706,816	735,736
On-behalf TPAF Social Security / Pension / Medical	787,237	612,622	606,822	506,268	411,453	308,576
Student Activity	7,884					
Capital outlay	-	2	-	27,630	166,564	42,406
Unallocated depreciation	30,044	30,044	30,044	30,044	18,974	16,200
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>6,114,920</u>	<u>5,236,464</u>	<u>4,768,194</u>	<u>4,638,420</u>	<u>4,634,918</u>	<u>4,077,351</u>
Business-type activities:						
Food service	95,706	294,765	294,765	287,671	291,469	259,511
Total business-type activities expense	<u>95,706</u>	<u>294,765</u>	<u>294,765</u>	<u>287,671</u>	<u>291,469</u>	<u>259,511</u>
Total school expenses	<u>\$ 6,210,626</u>	<u>\$ 5,531,229</u>	<u>\$ 5,062,959</u>	<u>\$ 4,926,091</u>	<u>\$ 4,926,387</u>	<u>\$ 4,336,862</u>
Program Revenues						
Governmental activities:						
Operating grants and contributions	553,437	323,075	263,989	342,596	375,222	301,734
Total governmental activities program revenues	<u>553,437</u>	<u>323,075</u>	<u>263,989</u>	<u>342,596</u>	<u>375,222</u>	<u>301,734</u>
Business-type activities:						
Charges for services						
Food service	95,706	294,765	294,765	287,671	291,469	259,511
Total business type activities program revenues	<u>95,706</u>	<u>294,765</u>	<u>294,765</u>	<u>287,671</u>	<u>291,469</u>	<u>259,511</u>
Total school program revenues	<u>\$ 649,143</u>	<u>\$ 617,840</u>	<u>\$ 558,754</u>	<u>\$ 630,267</u>	<u>\$ 666,691</u>	<u>\$ 561,245</u>
Net (Expense)/Revenue						
Governmental activities	\$ (5,561,483)	\$ (4,913,389)	\$ (4,504,205)	\$ (4,295,824)	\$ (4,259,696)	\$ (3,775,617)
Business-type activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total school-wide net expense	<u>\$ (5,561,483)</u>	<u>\$ (4,913,389)</u>	<u>\$ (4,504,205)</u>	<u>\$ (4,295,824)</u>	<u>\$ (4,259,696)</u>	<u>\$ (3,775,617)</u>

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

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position						
Governmental activities:						
Local Share	\$ 1,325,466	\$ 1,481,631	\$ 1,067,269	\$ 996,960	\$ 1,006,034	\$ 937,299
State Share	2,728,239	2,706,184	2,590,383	2,466,253	2,453,829	2,273,411
State / Federal	1,891,478	889,878	902,035	859,542	697,540	538,627
Student Activity	10,600					
PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness	559,000					
Miscellaneous	78,522	184,512	189,286	120,066	106,681	86,244
Total governmental activities	<u>6,593,305</u>	<u>5,262,205</u>	<u>4,748,973</u>	<u>4,442,821</u>	<u>4,264,084</u>	<u>3,835,581</u>
Business-type activities:						
Total business-type activities						
Total school-wide	<u>6,593,305</u>	<u>5,262,205</u>	<u>4,748,973</u>	<u>4,442,821</u>	<u>4,264,084</u>	<u>3,835,581</u>
Change in Net Position						
Governmental activities	\$ 1,031,822	\$ 348,816	\$ 244,768	\$ 146,997	\$ 4,388	\$ 59,964
Business-type activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total school	<u>\$ 1,031,822</u>	<u>\$ 348,816</u>	<u>\$ 244,768</u>	<u>\$ 146,997</u>	<u>\$ 4,388</u>	<u>\$ 59,964</u>

Source: School Financial Statements

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Fund						
Reserved - Other	125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Unassigned	2,154,372	1,095,222	716,362	441,550	264,509	241,146
Total General Fund	<u>\$2,279,372</u>	<u>\$1,220,222</u>	<u>\$841,362</u>	<u>\$566,550</u>	<u>\$389,509</u>	<u>\$366,146</u>
All Other Governmental Funds						
Reserved Student Activity	\$70,622					
Total all other governmental funds	<u>\$70,622</u>	-	-	-	-	-

Source: School Financial Statements

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues						
Local tax Levy	\$ 1,325,466	\$ 1,481,631	\$ 1,067,269	\$ 996,960	\$ 1,006,034	\$ 937,299
Other local revenue	78,522	201,734	189,286	167,097	228,064	138,051
PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness	559,000					
Student Activity	10,600					
State sources	4,619,717	3,596,062	3,492,418	3,325,795	3,151,369	2,812,038
Enterprise fund	95,706	198,235	294,765	287,671	291,469	259,511
Federal sources	553,437	305,853	263,989	295,565	253,839	249,927
Total revenue	<u>7,242,448</u>	<u>5,783,515</u>	<u>5,307,727</u>	<u>5,073,088</u>	<u>4,930,775</u>	<u>4,396,826</u>
Expenditures						
Instruction						
Regular Instruction	2,293,085	2,058,093	1,887,797	2,038,595	2,075,177	1,844,379
Support Services:						
General administration	1,604,174	1,173,682	1,053,640	992,308	880,712	828,320
School administrative services/Plant	839,059	1,038,946	925,902	700,979	706,816	735,736
On-Behalf TPAF / Pension / Medical	787,237	612,622	606,822	506,268	411,453	308,576
Student Activity	7,884					
Capital outlay	-	2	-	27,630	166,564	42,406
Enterprise Fund	95,706	198,225	263,989	287,671	291,469	259,511
Special Revenue	553,437	323,075	294,765	342,596	375,222	301,734
Total expenditures	<u>6,180,582</u>	<u>5,404,645</u>	<u>5,032,915</u>	<u>4,896,047</u>	<u>4,907,413</u>	<u>4,320,662</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,061,866	378,870	274,812	177,041	23,362	76,164
Other Financing sources (uses)						
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 1,061,866</u>	<u>\$ 378,870</u>	<u>\$ 274,812</u>	<u>\$ 177,041</u>	<u>\$ 23,362</u>	<u>\$ 76,164</u>

Source: School Financial Statements

REVENUE CAPACITY

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

	<u>Donations</u>	<u>PPP/SBA Loan Forgiveness</u>	<u>Other Local</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2016	86,244			86,244
2017	106,681			106,681
2018	120,006			120,006
2019	189,286			189,286
2020	184,512			184,512
2021	78,522	559,000		637,522

Source: School Financial Statements

Exhibit J-6

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit J-7

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

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**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
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NOT APPLICABLE

**OPERATING INFORMATION
(UNAUDITED)**

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Principal Employers
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

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

<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Instruction						
Regular	30	26	36	37	26	23
Special education	5	5	5	8	6	6
Other special education - Basic Skills	2	2	1			
Vocational						
Other instruction	2	2	2			
Nonpublic school programs						
Adult/continuing education programs						
Support Services:						
Student & instruction related services	6	6	6	11	11	12
General administration	7	6	6	4	3	3
School administrative services - Secretary	3	3	3		4	4
Other administrative services	1	1	1			
Central services						
Administrative Information Technology	1	1	1	1	1	1
Plant operations and maintenance	3	2	2	4	2	2
Pupil transportation						
Other support services*				1	1	1
Special Schools						
Food Service	2	2	2	1		
Child Care						
Total	<u>62</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>52</u>

*Fundraising

Source: School Personnel Records

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

Fiscal Year	Enroll	Operating Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff	Elementary	Middle School	Senior High School	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	% Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2016	339.5	3,867,294	11,391	2.73%	23	19	4	0	335.9	323.4	9.6%	96.3%
2017	367.8	4,991,166	13,570	3.6%	26	20	6	0	367.8	353.0	8.3%	96.0%
2018	367.0	4,950,972	13,490	(0.6%)	37	22	15	0	367.0	348.0	(.2%)	94.83%
2019	370.0	5,032,915	13,602	(0.8%)	36	21	15	0	370.0	350.0	0.8%	95.0%
2020	377.0	5,404,655	14,355	.6%	40	25	15	0	377.0	378.2	2.0%	95.5%
2021	382.2	5,244,492	13,722	1.38%	45	28	17	0	382.2	370.5	2.0%	97.25%

Sources: School records

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

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<u>School Building</u>						
Building						
Square Feet	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500	20,500
Capacity (students)	396.0	396.0	396.0	396.0	396.0	339.5
Enrollment	382.2	377.0	370.0	367.0	368.0	336.0
Number of Schools at June 30						
Elementary	1	1	1	1	1	1

Source: School Office

Exhibit J-19

**THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
General Fund - Schedule of Required Maintenance
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Insurance Schedule
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Deductible</u>
School Package Policy (1)		
Commercial Property	\$ 1,030,000	\$ 5,000
Boiler and Machinery	1,000,000	5,000
General Automobile Liability	11,000,000	1,000
School Board Legal Liability	11,000,000	10,000
Terrorism	1,000,000	10,000
Employee Dishonesty	500,000	-
Umbrella	1,000,000	-
Workers' Compensation	2,000,000	-
EDP	350,000	-
Equipment Breakdown	100,000,000	1,000
Flood	25,000,000	500,000
Errors and Omissions	11,000,000	100,000
Surety Bond - Public Official		
School Business Administrator	150,000	-

**CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE
FRAMEWORK FINANCIAL INDICATORS**

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

**Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators
Near Term Indicators**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,297,654	\$1,631,035	\$1,148,199	\$542,303	\$563,120	\$296,640
Current Assets	2,962,045	2,566,152	1,688,396	1,235,065	977,513	897,705
Total Assets	2,962,045	2,566,152	1,688,396	1,235,065	977,513	1,022,310
Current Liabilities	612,051	1,345,930	847,034	668,515	588,004	531,559
Total Liabilities	612,051	1,345,930	847,034	668,515	588,004	531,559
Net Position	2,349,994	1,220,222	841,362	566,550	389,509	490,759
Total Revenue	7,242,448	5,783,515	5,307,727	4,785,417	5,041,728	4,078,892
Total Expenses	6,180,582	5,404,655	5,032,915	4,608,376	4,926,387	4,018,928
Change in Net Position	1,061,866	378,860	274,812	177,041	115,341	59,964
Depreciation	30,044	30,044	30,044	30,044	18,974	16,200
Principal Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest payments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Final average daily enrollment	382	377	370	367	368	336
March 30th budgeted Enrollment	382	377	370	367	368	336
Near term indicators	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
CURRENT RATIO	4.80	1.91	2.00	1.85	1.66	1.69
Unrestricted days cash	136.5	110.15	83.26	42.95	41.87	26.94
Enrollment variance	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Default	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Margin	14.6	6%	5%	4%	2%	1%
Debt to Asset	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cash Flow	817,715	482,836	605,896	(20,817)	226,480	(5,669)
Debt Service Coverage ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION K

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EXHIBIT K-1

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

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

I have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ethical Community Charter School ("the Charter School"), in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon, dated February 24, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify significant deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Item #2020-001.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

However, I noted certain matters that I have reported to the Board of Trustees of the Ethical Community Charter School in the County of Hudson, New Jersey in a separate *Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance*, dated February 24, 2022.

Ethical Community Charter School Response to Findings

Ethical Community Charter School's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying Schedule K-6, Part II Schedule of Financial Statement Findings. Ethical Community 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 my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey* in considering the Charter School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400



Gerald D. Longo
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EXHIBIT K-2

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR STATE PROGRAM AND REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY CIRCULAR LETTER
15-08-OMB**

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

Compliance

I have audited the Ethical Community Charter School, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey's ("the Charter School") with the types of compliance requirements described in the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Charter School's major state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The Charter School's major state programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditors' Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Charter School's major state programs based on my audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid* and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*.

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

Opinion on Each Major State Programs

In my opinion, the Charter School complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400

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Gerald D. Longo
Certified Public Accountant
February 24, 2022

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Federal/Grantor Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Federal Award Identification Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	Balance July 1, 2020	Prior Carry-over	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Refund of Prior Years' Balances	Adjust	Deferred Revenue/ (Accounts Receivable) June 30, 2021	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2021
Enterprise Fund:												
U.S. Department of Agriculture												
Pass-Through Programs:												
Passed-Through New Jersey												
State Department of Agriculture												
National School Snack	10.555	211NJ304N1099	07/01/20-06/30/21	683	0		\$ 683	\$ 683			\$0	
National School Lunch	10.555	211NJ304N1099	07/01/20-06/30/21	21,048	0		7,194	21,048			(\$13,854)	
National School Breakfast	10.553	211NJ304N1099	07/01/20-06/30/21	34,453	0		12,385	34,453			(22,068)	
Total Enterprise Fund/US Dept. of Agriculture, Pass Through Programs					0		\$ 20,262	\$ 56,184			(\$35,922)	
Pass-Through Programs:												
Passed-Through New Jersey												
State Department of Education												
Title I PART A	84.010	S010A190030	07/01/19-09/30/20	178,228	(155,828)		155,828	0			0	
Title II PART A	84.367A	S367A190029	07/01/19-09/30/20	19,385	(19,385)		19,385	0			0	
Title III Immigrant	84.365	S365A190030	07/01/19-09/30/20	2,082	(2,455)		2,455	0			0	
Title IV	84.424	S424A190031	07/01/19-09/30/20	10,898	(10,898)		10,898	0			0	
IDEA Preschool	84.173	H173A190114	07/01/19-09/30/20	1,358	(1,358)		1,358	0			0	
IDEA BASIC PART B	84.027	H027A190100	07/01/19-09/30/20	86,874	(86,874)		86,874	0			0	
Title I PART A	84.010	S010A200030	07/01/20-09/30/21	214,795	0		0	214,795			(214,795)	
Title II PART A	84.367A	S367A200029	07/01/20-09/30/21	18,677	0		0	18,677			(18,677)	
IDEA Preschool	84.173	H173A200114	07/01/20-09/30/21	1,380	0		0	1,380			(1,380)	
IDEA BASIC PART B	84.027	H027A200100	07/01/20-09/30/21	74,893	0		0	74,893			(74,893)	
Total - Passed Through NJ DOE					(276,798)		276,798	309,745			(309,745)	
Education Stabilization Fund												
Digital Divide	84.425D	S425D200027	07/16/20-10/31/20	42,306	0		76,730	76,730			0	
Cares Act	84.425D	S425D200027	07/01/19 06/30/20	140,352	(6,655)		6,655	0			0	
Cares Act	84.425D	S425D200027	07/01/20-06/30/20	129,078	0		102,341	129,078			0	
Total Education Stabilization Fund					(6,655)		185,726	205,808			(26,737)	
Total Special Revenue					(283,453)		462,524	515,553			(336,482)	
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards					(\$283,453)		\$482,786	\$571,737			(\$372,404)	

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

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SCHEDULE B

THE ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

<u>State Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Grant or State Project Number</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>	<u>Balance July 1, 2020</u>	<u>Cash Received</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	<u>Prior Years' Balances</u>	<u>Adjust.</u>	<u>Receivable at June 30, 2021</u>
NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION									
GENERAL FUND									
TPAF Social Security	21-495-034-5094-003	07/01/20-06/30/21	118,943		118,943	118,943			
Equalization Aid - Local	21-495-034-5120-078	07/01/20-06/30/21	1,325,466		1,325,466	1,325,466			
Equalization Aid - Local JC PAYROLL TAX	21-495-034-5120-078	07/01/20-06/30/21	844,248		844,248	844,248			
Equalization Aid - State	21-495-034-5120-078	07/01/20-06/30/21	2,728,239		2,728,239	2,728,239			
Special Education Aid	21-495-034-5120-089	07/01/20-06/30/21	124,295		124,295	124,295			
Security Aid	21-495-034-5120-084	07/01/20-06/30/21	135,698		135,698	135,698			
TPAF LT Disability (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	21-495-034-5094-004	07/01/20-06/30/21	758		758	758			
TPAF Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	21-495-034-5094-001	07/01/20-06/30/21	159,280		159,280	159,280			
TPAF Pension (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	21-495-034-5094-002	07/01/20-06/30/21	508,256		508,256	508,256			
Total General Fund/Total State Department of Education				0	5,945,183	5,945,183			0
ENTERPRISE FUND									
State School Lunch	21-100-010-3350-023	07/01/20-06/30/21			200	1,763			(1563)
Total Enterprise				0	200	1,763			(1563)
Total State Financial Assistance				-	5,945,383	5,946,946			0
TPAF LT Disability (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	21-495-034-5094-004	07/01/20-06/30/21			(758)	(758)			
TPAF Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	21-495-034-5094-001	07/01/20-06/30/21			(159,280)	(159,280)			
TPAF Pension (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	21-495-034-5094-002	07/01/20-06/30/21			(508,256)	(508,256)			
				-	5,277,089	5,278,652			0

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

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL
AND STATE ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOTE 1. GENERAL

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

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the enterprise fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These basis of accounting are described in Note 1 to the Charter School's basic financial statements. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance); and the provisions of New Jersey Department of the Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Therefore, some amounts presented in the schedules may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements or schedules (RSI) are presented for the general fund and special revenue fund to demonstrate finance-related legal compliance in which certain revenue is permitted by law or grant agreement to be recognized in the audit year, whereas for GAAP reporting revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or expenditures have been made (GASB 34).

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant account budgetary basis, which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to GAAP basis is \$-0-. See Note 1 for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis of

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL
AND STATE ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

accounting for the special revenue fund. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the school's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

	Federal	State	Total
General Fund	\$ ---	\$5,945,183	\$5,945,183
Special Revenue Fund	515,553	-0-	515,553
Enterprise Fund	<u>56,184</u>	<u>1,763</u>	<u>57,947</u>
Total Awards and Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 571,737</u>	<u>\$5,946,946</u>	<u>\$6,518,683</u>

NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

NOTE 5. OTHER INFORMATION

The amount reported as TPAF Contributions represents the amount paid by the state on behalf of the Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2021. TPAF Social Security Contributions of \$118,943 represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension \$508,256, Long Term Disability \$758, Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions \$159,280 are not subject to a State single audit and, therefore, are excluded from major program determination. The Schedule of State Financial Assistance provides a reconciliation of State financial assistance reported in the schools basic financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

NOTE 7. DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

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

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor’s report issued:	Unmodified	
	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Internal control over financial reporting:		
Material weakness(es) identified:		X
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?	X	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		X

Federal Awards – N/A

Internal control over compliance:

 Material weakness(es) identified?

 Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?

Type of auditor’s report on compliance for major programs:

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be Reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?

Identification of major programs:

<u>CDFA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
N/A	N/A

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs (.520)

Auditee qualified as low risk auditee:

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

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

State Awards	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs.	\$750,000	
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee:	X	
Type of auditor’s report issued:	Unmodified	
Internal control over major programs:		
Material weakness(es) identified:		X
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?		X
Type of auditor’s report on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be Reported in accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 15-08?		X
Identification of major programs:		
<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>		<u>Name of State Program or Cluster</u>
21-495-034-5120-078		Equalization Aid
21-495-034-5120-089		Special Education Aid
21-495-034-5120-084		Security Aid

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

PART II – SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

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

Item #2020-001 - Board Secretary Reports Were Not Prepared for Each Board Meeting

Criteria: Each board meeting must comprise certain documents which includes the Board Secretary's Report.

Condition: An examination of board minutes for the months of July 2020 to February 2021 indicated that monthly Board Secretary Reports were not available for the board to examine and discuss in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code Section 6A:23A-16.10.

Cause: Board Secretary reports were not prepared for all months during the fiscal year.

Effect: The Board was unable to discuss and evaluate the financial data typically included in a board secretary report, such as budget vs actual revenue and expenditures, which are critical components to managing the financial position of the charter school.

Questioned Costs: None

Recommendations: The Board Secretary Report should be provided to the Board at every Board meeting and noted in the Board minutes as discussed and approved.

Views of the responsible officials and corrective actions: Management and the Board agree with the finding. The school has implemented better internal controls in this area as described in the recommendation that was caused by turnover that occurred in the School Business Administrator position. All Board Secretary reports for the month of March 2021 and forward have been prepared and approved by the Board of Trustees.

**ETHICAL COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF HUDSON, NEW JERSEY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

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

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

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

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Status of Prior Year Findings

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

In accordance with government auditing standards, my procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. The school had implemented procedures to correct prior year findings.