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FINANCIAL REPORT***

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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023***

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November 27, 2023

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Riverbank Charter School of Excellence
Roebling, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) of the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence (Charter School) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This ACFR includes the Charter School's Basic Financial Statement prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34.

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

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

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

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

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

Charter School Organization

An elected eight-member Board of Trustees (the “Board”) serves as the policy maker for the Charter School. The Board adopts an annual budget and directly approves all expenditures which serve as the basis for control over and authorization for all expenditures of the Charter School funds.

The Lead Person is the chief executive officer of the Charter School, responsible to the Board for total educational and support operations. The Business Administrator is the chief financial officer of the Charter School, responsible to the Board for maintaining all financial records, issuing warrants in payment of liabilities incurred by the Charter School, acting as custodian of all Charter School funds, and investing idle funds as permitted by New Jersey law.

1. REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES: Riverbank Charter School of Excellence is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Government Auditing Standards Board (GASB) as established by GASB Statement No. 14, as amended. All funds of the school are included in this report. Riverbank Charter School of Excellence and Board of Trustees, constitutes the Charter School’s reporting entity.

The focus of education at Riverbank Charter School of Excellence has always been what is best for the success of the children. With this in mind, the school provides a full range of educational services appropriate to meeting the needs of all students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 3 during the 2022-2023 school year. Such instructional services include regular education, special education and basic skills program.

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence ended the 2022-2023 school year with an enrollment of 153.10 students. The following details the student enrollment of the Charter School over the last year:

REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES (CONTINUED):

<u>Average Daily Enrollment</u>			
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Average Daily Enrollment</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
2022-2023	153.1	153.10	-0.6%
2021-2022	154	154.00	0.7%
2020-2021	153	153.00	1.9%
2019-2020	151	151.00	-2.7%
2018-2019	155	155.00	8.4%

2. ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK: In September of 2008, *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence* was “chartered” by the Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey to operate an independent public school. *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence* is accountable to its students, parents, community, and the New Jersey Department of Education to fulfill its mission and deliver an exceptional academic program that leads to achievement for all of our students.

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence serves as a positive school culture functioning to sharpen the focus of staff and students, building commitment and sense of community, fostering motivation to achieve valued ends, and encouraging productivity and learning. Our school's mission is to provide students with opportunities to develop their intellectual, emotional and social potential through the implementation of a dynamic curriculum that fosters learning through a cooperative effort involving home, school, and community. By all three working together, students can attain their maximum potential critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible, contributing citizens in a rapidly changing pluralistic society. With this is the belief that children learn best when the significant adults in their lives – parents, teachers and community members – work together to encourage and support their development. As such, we believe that parental involvement in a child's education is paramount.

Since the school's inception, students have continually demonstrated their knowledge by scoring proficient or advanced proficient on all standardized tests.

We are privileged that our parents send their children to *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence*. More than 98% of our parents are pleased with the progress their children are making. Our school families appreciate the effort, time, improvements, and consistency each year. We are highly recommended through word of mouth, and our presence in the township has grown more favorable each year.

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence is fiscally solvent and continues to maintain a surplus while expanding educational programs, extra-curricular activities, providing various professional development training for staff, as well as improvements to the school building. It is our goal to be continuously growing, improving, and achieving higher goals each year. We are confident that *Riverbank Charter School of Excellence* will soon be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School in the State of New Jersey.

3. MAJOR INITIATIVES: The Charter School has developed a comprehensive strategic plan to support its mission and vision and serves as a blueprint for the achievement of its goals. The plan includes objectives, such as pupil achievement as measured by standardized tests and teacher assessment instruments; formal professional development for the certified and non-certified staff; and the implementation of a technology plan in all classrooms.

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

- a) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and
- b) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

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

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

5. **BUDGETARY CONTROLS:** In addition to internal accounting controls, the Charter School maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund and the special revenue fund. The final budget amount, as amended for the fiscal year, is reflected in the financial section.

An encumbrance accounting system is used to record outstanding purchase commitments on a line item basis. Open encumbrances at year-end are either cancelled or are included as reappropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be reappropriated are reported as assignments of fund balance at June 30, 2023.

6. **CASH MANAGEMENT:** The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in “Notes to the Basic Financial Statement” Note 3. The Charter School had adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (“GUDPA”). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Government Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

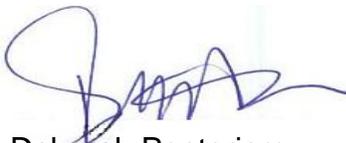
7. **RISK MANAGEMENT:** The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, directors and officers insurance and workmen’s compensation.

8. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Independent Audit - State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Barre & Company, Certified Public Accountants, was selected by the Board of Trustees. In addition to meeting the requirement set forth in State statutes, the annual audit was designed to meet the requirement of the Uniform Guidance and the New Jersey Circular Letter of 15-08 OMB, Single Audit for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid”. The auditor’s report on the basic financial statements and specified required supplemental information is included in the Financial Section of this report. The auditor’s report related specifically to the single audit is included in the Single Audit Section of this report.

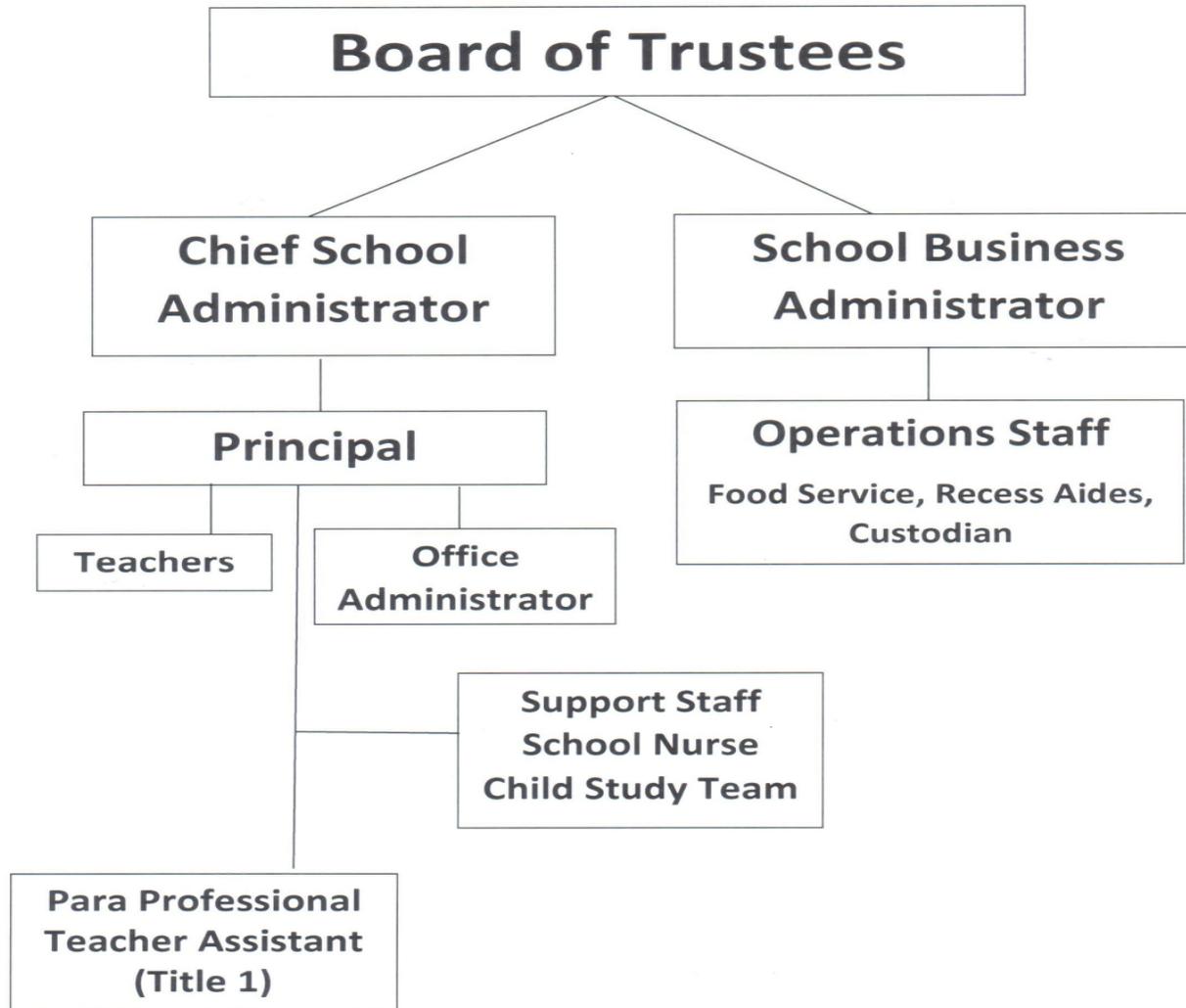
9. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** We would like to express our appreciation to the members of the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence Board of Trustees for their concern in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of the Charter School and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our staff.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Pontoriero
Business Administrator

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence
Organizational Chart



**RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
ROEBLING, NEW JERSEY**

**ROSTER OF OFFICIALS
JUNE 30, 2023**

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Kathleen Magoon	Trustee
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Jon Marbach	Trustee
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SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable President
Members of the Board of Trustees
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Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence (Charter School), in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Controller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Riverbank Charter School of Experience and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Charter School's 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions, events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, following this report, and pension and post-employment benefit schedules in Exhibits L-1 through L-3, and M-1, and the related notes be presented to supplement the basic financial statements and budgetary comparison information in Exhibits C-1 through C-3. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's response to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Riverbank Charter School of Experience's basic financial statements. The combining and related major fund supporting statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), and the State of New Jersey's Circular 15-08 OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid respectively, are also presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we have also issued our report dated November 27, 2023 on our consideration of the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey* in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


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November 27, 2023

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

**RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
ROEBLING, NEW JERSEY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
UNAUDITED**

The discussion and analysis of Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's financial performance provides an overall review of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Charter School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Charter School's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 — *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year (2022-2023) and the prior year (2021-2022) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- ❖ General revenues accounted for \$2,566,249 or 98% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and operating grants and contributions accounted for \$53,997 or 2% of total revenues of \$2,620,246.
- ❖ The Charter School had \$2,746,751 in expenses; only \$53,997 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$2,566,249 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❖ Among governmental funds, the General Fund had \$2,359,703 in revenues and \$2,386,860 in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance increased -\$27,157. This increase was anticipated by the Board of Trustees.

Using this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Riverbank Charter School of Excellence as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole Charter School, presenting both an aggregate view of the Charter School's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Charter School's most significant funds. In the case of Riverbank Charter School of Excellence, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund.

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Reporting the Charter School as a Whole

Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

While this document contains the large number of funds used by the Charter School to provide programs and activities, the view of the Charter School as a whole looks at all financial transactions and ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2023?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Charter School's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Charter School as a whole, the financial position of the Charter School has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not. Non-financial factors include current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, the Charter School is divided into two kinds of activities:

- ❖ Governmental activities — All of the Charter School's programs and services are reported here including instruction, administration, support services, and capital outlay.
- ❖ Business-Type Activity — These service is provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all the expenses of the goods or services provided. The Food Service enterprise fund is reported as a business activity.

Reporting the Charter School's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Charter School's funds. The Charter School uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. The Charter School's governmental funds are the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund.

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Governmental Funds

The Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the future years. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Charter School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Enterprise Fund

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Charter School-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 35 of this report.

The Charter School as a Whole

Recall that the *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the Charter School as a whole. Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position.

The Charter School's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities.

The Charter School's combined Net Position (Deficit) were \$266,931 on June 30, 2023 and \$393,437 on June 30, 2022.

Governmental Activities

The Charter School's total revenues were \$2,581,575 for the year ended June 30, 2023, this includes \$73,708 of state reimbursed TPAF social security contributions.

The total cost of all program and services were \$2,711,194 for 2023. Instruction comprises 35% of Charter School expenses.

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Governmental Activities (Continued)

The *Statement of Activities* shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services.

Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student, including extracurricular activities.

Administration includes expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the Charter School.

Support services include the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to students, including curriculum and staff development and the costs associated with operating the facility.

Capital Outlay represents instructional and/or non-instructional equipment purchased and is capitalized when such equipment is over the \$2,000 threshold.

Business-Type Activities

Revenues for the Charter School's business-type activities (Food service program) were comprised of charges for services and federal and state reimbursements.

- ❖ Food service revenues exceeded expenses by \$3,114 and expenses exceeded revenues \$4,938 for 2023 and 2022 respectively.
- ❖ Charges for services represent \$19,414 and \$21,101 of revenue for 2023 and 2022 respectively. This represents amounts paid by patrons for daily food.
- ❖ Federal and state reimbursements for meals, including payments for free and reduced lunches and breakfast were \$19,257 and \$18,673 for 2023 and 2022 respectively.

The Charter School's Funds

All governmental funds (i.e., general fund and special revenue fund, presented in the fund-based statements) are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues amounted to \$2,581,575 and expenditures were \$2,608,732 for 2023. The net change in fund balance was most significant in the general fund with an increase of -\$27,157 in 2023.

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The Charter School's Funds (Continued)

As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the Charter School continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. The following schedules present a summary of the revenues of the governmental funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Revenues	2023 Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2022	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Local Sources	\$ 1,180,049	45.70%	\$ (29,965)	-2.48%
State Sources	1,220,929	47.29%	77,898	6.82%
Federal Sources	180,597	7.01%	(7,946)	-4.21%
Total	\$ 2,581,575	100.0%	\$ 39,987	

The following schedule represents a summary of general fund and special revenue fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Expenditures	2023 Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2022	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Instruction	\$ 956,453	36.66%	\$ 59,601	6.65%
Administration	1,304,848	50.02%	104,718	8.73%
Support Services	347,431	13.32%	21,455	6.58%
Total	\$ 2,608,732	100.0%	\$ 185,774	

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

- ♣ Over the course of the year, the Charter School revised the annual operating budget in accordance with state regulations. Revisions in the budget were made to recognize revenues that were not anticipated and to prevent over-expenditures in specific line item accounts.

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Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation) and Debt Administration

At the end of the fiscal year 2023, the Charter School had \$0 invested in machinery and equipment. At the end of fiscal years 2021 and 2020 there is no debt outstanding.

For the Future

The Riverbank Charter School of Excellence is in stable financial condition presently. The Charter School is proud of its community support. A major concern is the continued enrollment growth of the Charter School with the increased reliance on federal and state funding.

In conclusion, Riverbank Charter School of Excellence has committed itself to financial stability for many years. In addition, the Charter School's system for financial planning, budgeting, and internal financial controls are well regarded. The Charter School plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenge of the future.

Contacting the Charter School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the Charter School's finances and to show the Charter School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Deborah Pontoriero, Business Administrator, at Riverbank Charter School of Excellence, 1300 Hornberger Avenue, Roebling, New Jersey 08554.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SECTION A – CHARTER SCHOOL-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School. These statements include the financial activities of the overall Charter School, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 252,282	\$ 3,950	\$ 256,232
Internal Balances	72,914	4,471	77,385
Receivables	177,324	466	177,790
Security Deposit	54,467		54,467
Restricted Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	75,000		75,000
Right of Use Asset, Net of Amortization	826,877		826,877
Total Assets	1,458,864	8,887	1,467,751
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pensions	91,589		91,589
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	91,589	-	91,589
LIABILITIES:			
Internal Balances	77,385	-	77,385
Other Current Liabilities			-
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	90,508		90,508
Due Beyond One Year	841,129		841,129
Net Pension Liability	219,361		219,361
Total Liabilities	1,228,383	-	1,228,383
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pensions	64,026		64,026
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	64,026	-	64,026
NET POSITION:			
Restricted for:			
Other Purposes	75,000		75,000
Unrestricted	(657,124)	8,887	(648,237)
Total Net Position	\$ 258,044	\$ 8,887	\$ 266,931

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

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Statement of Activities

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Expenses Allocation	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Position		
			Charges for Services	Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:								
Instruction	\$ 954,476	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,326	\$ -	\$ (939,150)	\$ -	\$ (939,150)
Administration	1,390,755	-	-	-	-	(1,390,755)	-	(1,390,755)
Support Services	199,831	-	-	-	-	(199,831)	-	(199,831)
Interest on Long Term Debt	62,773	-	-	-	-	(62,773)	-	(62,773)
Unallocated Amortization and Depreciation	103,359	-	-	-	-	(103,359)	-	(103,359)
Total Governmental Activities	2,711,194	\$ -	-	15,326	-	(2,695,868)	-	(2,695,868)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:								
Food Service	35,557	-	19,414	19,257	-	-	3,114	3,114
Total Business-Type Activities	35,557	-	19,414	19,257	-	-	3,114	3,114
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 2,746,751</u>		<u>\$ 19,414</u>	<u>\$ 34,583</u>		<u>\$ (2,695,868)</u>	<u>\$ 3,114</u>	<u>\$ (2,692,754)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES								
General Purposes						\$ 1,180,049	\$ -	\$ 1,180,049
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted						1,386,200	-	1,386,200
Miscellaneous Income						-	-	-
Total General Revenues						<u>2,566,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,566,249</u>
Change in Net Position						(129,619)	3,114	(126,505)
Net Position - Beginning of Year						387,663	5,773	393,436
Net Position - Ending						<u>\$ 258,044</u>	<u>\$ 8,887</u>	<u>\$ 266,931</u>

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

SECTION B – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Individual Fund statements and schedules present more detailed information for the individual fund in a format that segregates information by fund type.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	180,295	71,987	\$ 252,282
Restricted	75,000		75,000
Interfund Receivables	72,914		72,914
Receivables From Other Governments	177,324		177,324
Prepaid Expenses	19,130	927	20,057
Other Assets	34,410		34,410
Total Current Assets	559,073	72,914	631,987
Total Assets	\$ 559,073	\$ 72,914	\$ 631,987
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities:			
Interfund Payables	4,471	\$ 72,914	\$ 77,385
Unearned Revenue			
Total Current Liabilities	4,471	72,914	77,385
Total Liabilities	4,471	72,914	77,385
Fund Balances:			
Restricted:			
Charter School Escrow Reserve	75,000		75,000
Unassigned:			
General Fund	479,602		479,602
Total Fund Balances	554,602	-	554,602
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 559,073	\$ 72,914	

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

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

Right of use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds
The cost of the assets is \$1,240,314 and the accumulated depreciation is \$413,437. 826,877

Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds
Long-term debt included as net position from lease liabilities (931,637)

Net pension liability of \$219,361 ,plus deferred inflows of resources of \$64,026 less deferred outflows of resources of \$91,589 related to pensions are not reported in the governmental funds (191,798)

Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 258,044

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

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 Governmental Funds
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
REVENUES:			
Local Sources:			
Local Tax Levy	\$ 1,180,049	\$ -	\$ 1,180,049
Total Local Sources	1,180,049		1,180,049
State Sources	1,179,654	41,275	1,220,929
Federal Sources	-	180,597	180,597
Total Revenues	2,359,703	221,872	2,581,575
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	868,859	87,594	956,453
Administration	1,304,848		1,304,848
Support Services	213,153	134,278	347,431
Total Expenditures	2,386,860	221,872	2,608,732
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(27,157)		(27,157)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(27,157)		(27,157)
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	581,759	-	581,759
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30	\$ 554,602	\$ -	\$ 554,602

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

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 And Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
 To the Statement of Activities
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total net change in fund balances - governmental fund (from B-2)	<u>\$ (27,157)</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2)	-
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:	
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, on the statement of activities, the cost of those assets which are capitalized are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current fiscal year.</p>	
Depreciation Expense	-
Amortization	(103,359)
Capital Outlay	
<p>The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:</p>	
New long-term debt issued	-
Principal payment on long-term debt	84,827
Increase in accrued interest payable	
Pension costs associated with the PERS pension plan are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures in the year the school pension contribution is paid. However, on the statement of activities, the net difference between the current and prior year net pension liability is recognized	<u>(83,930)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ (129,619)</u></u>

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

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 Proprietary Fund
 Statement of Net Position
 June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities
	Food Service
ASSETS:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,950
Due From Other Funds	4,471
Receivables From Other Government-Federal	449
Receivables From Other Government-State	17
Total Current Assets	8,887
Total Assets	\$ 8,887
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:	
Liabilities:	
Interfund Accounts Payable	\$ -
Total Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
NET POSITION:	
Unrestricted	8,887
Total Net Position	8,887
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 8,887

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

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Proprietary Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund		
	Food Service Program		
	School Nutrition	Fixed Contract	Total Enterprise
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Charges for Services:			
Daily Sales Reimbursable Program	\$ 19,414		\$ 19,414
Daily Sales- Non- Reimbursable Program			-
Total Operating Revenues	<u>19,414</u>		<u>19,414</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Cost of Sales- Reimbursable Programs	35,530		35,530
Cost of Sales- Non-Reimbursable Programs	-		-
Miscellaneous Expenses	26		26
Total Operating Expenses	<u>35,557</u>		<u>35,556</u>
OPERATING LOSS	<u>(16,143)</u>		<u>(16,143)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES:			
State Lunch Program	834		834
Federal Source:			
Federal Lunch Program	18,423		18,423
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>19,257</u>		<u>19,257</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	3,114		3,114
TOTAL NET POSITION, JULY 1	<u>5,773</u>		<u>5,773</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, JUNE 30	<u>\$ 8,887</u>		<u>\$ 8,887</u>

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

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 Proprietary Funds
 Statement of Cash Flows
 For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities
	Food Service
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 19,492
Cash Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(35,557)
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities	(16,065)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Federal and State Reimbursements	19,257
Operating Transfers In	-
Miscellaneous Income	-
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	19,257
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	3,192
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1	758
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30	\$ 3,950
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used In	
Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss	\$ (16,143)
Depreciation	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable	78
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities	\$ (16,065)

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

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The GASB is the accounting standard-setting body responsible for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of the Charter School are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

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

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 School. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

The financial statements include all funds for the Charter School over which the Board of Trustees exercises operating control.

B. Basis of Presentation

The Charter School's basic financial statements consist of Charter School-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Charter School-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the overall Charter School, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities.

These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activity of the Charter School. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activities of the Charter School and for each function of the Charter School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) 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, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment 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. The fund financial statements provide information about the Charter School's funds. Separate statements for each fund category — *governmental* and *proprietary* — are presented. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has elected to require New Jersey Charter Schools to treat each governmental fund as a major fund in accordance with the option noted in GASB No. 34, paragraph 76. The NJDOE believes that the presentation of all funds as major is important for public interest and to promote consistency among Charter School financial reporting models.

The Charter School reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund: The general fund is the general operating fund of the Charter School and is used to account for all expendable financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or non-instructional equipment which are classified in the capital outlay subfund.

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Charter School includes 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.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey Aid, local property 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 and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to Current Expense by Board resolution.

Special Revenue Fund: The special revenue fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Government, (other than major capital projects or the enterprise funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund: The capital projects fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

Debt Service Fund: Not Applicable.

The Charter School reports the following proprietary funds:

Enterprise (Food Service) Fund: This enterprise fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to the cafeteria operations. The food service fund is utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The stated intent is that the cost (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Additionally, the Charter School reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary, Trust and Agency Fund Types: In January 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 84 – Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local government, including New Jersey school districts and their charter schools. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, or FY2020-2021. 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. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. After considering the criteria and guidance, it was determined that Payroll, Payroll Agency, and Unemployment Compensation Insurance (Fund 60), previously reported as fiduciary funds, that such activities are more appropriately reported in a general fund (Fund 10).

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fiduciary, Trust and Agency Fund Types (Continued):

Additionally, the charter school previously reported the activity of the Student Activity (Fund 90) as a fiduciary fund. Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022, such activity are more appropriately reported in a special revenue fund (Fund 21).

C. Basis of Accounting – Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements.

Charter School-wide, and Proprietary Fund Financial Statements: The Charter School-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting; the enterprise fund uses the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of unearned revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures. The Charter School is entitled to receive monies under the established payment schedule and the unpaid amount is considered to be an “accounts receivable”. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general and special revenue funds. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting except for special revenue funds 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. All budget amendments/transfers must be approved by School Board resolution. All budget amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year).

Appropriations, except remaining project appropriations, encumbrances, and unexpended grant appropriations, lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The capital projects fund presents the remaining project appropriations compared to current year expenditures.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year. For governmental funds, there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) with the exception of the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

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.

The following presents a reconciliation of the special revenue funds from the budgetary basis of accounting to the GAAP basis of accounting:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total Revenues & Expenditures (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 221,872	\$ 200,899
Adjustments:		
Less Encumbrances at June 30, 2023	-	-
Plus Encumbrances at June 30, 2022	-	-
Total Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 221,872</u>	<u>\$ 200,899</u>

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

E. Encumbrances Accounting

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 revenues fund, are reported as assignments 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 unearned revenues at fiscal year-end. 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.

F. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Interfund Transactions:

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the Charter School-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the enterprise fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Inventories:

Inventory purchases, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund, are recorded as expenditures during the year of purchase. Enterprise fund inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method.

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts:

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as all amounts are considered collectible.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Capital Assets:

The Charter School has established a formal system of accounting for its capital assets. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value on the date received. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. The Charter School does not possess any infrastructure. The capitalization threshold used by Charter Schools in the State of New Jersey is \$2,000.

All reported capital assets except for land and construction in progress are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method under the half-year convention over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
School Buildings	50
Building Improvements	20
Electrical/Plumbing	30
Office & Computer Equipment	5-10

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

Right to Use Assets:

The Charter School has recorded right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

Compensated Absences:

The Charter School employees do not accumulate sick leave, therefore, no liability is reflected in the basic financial statements.

Unearned Revenue:

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as unearned revenue.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations:

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the Charter School-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds.

Net Position:

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Charter School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Charter School's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

Fund Balance Reserves:

The Charter School reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unassigned fund balance indicates that portion which is available for appropriation in future periods. A fund balance assignment has been established for encumbrances in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:7.

Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Charter School, available means within sixty days of the fiscal year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Charter School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements

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June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching

Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions (Continued)

requirements, in which the Charter School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Charter School on a reimbursement basis.

On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal yearend: property taxes available as an advance, interest, and tuition.

Operating Revenues and Expenses:

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise fund. For the Charter School, these revenues are sales for food service. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the enterprise fund.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses

The Charter School reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses are allocated to functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Employee benefits, including the employer's share of social security, workers compensation, and medical and dental benefits, were allocated based on salaries of that program. Depreciation expense, where practicable, is specifically identified by function and is included in the indirect expense column of the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense that could not be attributed to a specific function is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Extraordinary and Special Items:

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of management and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither of these types of transactions occurred during the fiscal year.

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June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Management Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accrued Salaries and Wages

Certain Charter School employees who provide services to the Charter School over the ten-month academic year have the option to have their salaries evenly disbursed during the entire twelve-month year. New Jersey statutes require that these earned but undisbursed amounts be retained in a separate bank account.

G. Pensions

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 pension of the State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State of New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the PERS's and TPAF's net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PERS and the TPAF. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Pension Plan investments are reported at fair value.

H. Impact of Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Principles

The GASB has adopted the following as of June 30, 2023 GASB No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), is effective with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by (a) establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs; (b) improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs; and (c) enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about SBITAs.

As of June 30, 2023, the entity's SBITAs were all 12 months or less and so the entity was exempt from reporting under this pronouncement.

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June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Impact of Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Principles (Continued)

The Charter School will evaluate the impact each of the pronouncements below may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material:

- GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, effective for the years beginning after June 15, 2023.
- GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

NOTE 2: **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

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

GASB Statement No. 40 requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Board in its cash, cash equivalents and investments.

Category 1 includes deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered deposits/investments held by a broker or dealer, or held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent but not in the Board's name. These categories are not broad representations that deposits or investments are "safe" or "unsafe".

Deposits

New Jersey statutes require that Charter Schools deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories.

Charter Schools are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows:

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June 30, 2023

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

The market value of the collateral must equal at least five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds on deposit.

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%.

All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

New Jersey statutes (N.J.S.A.18A:20-37) permit the Board to purchase the following types of securities:

- a. Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- b. Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal National Mortgage Agency or of any United States Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than twelve months from the date of purchase
- c. Bonds or other obligations of the Charter School.

As of June 30, 2023, cash and cash equivalents and investments of the Charter School consisted of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>
Operating Account	<u>\$ 255,295</u>	<u>\$ 3,950</u>

The investments recorded in the Charter School-wide statements have been recorded at amortized cost. In accordance with GASB 31, participating interest earning investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less may be reported at amortized cost. For those securities purchased more than one year from the maturity date, the difference between the carrying amount and market value is not material to the Charter School-wide statements. The carrying amount of the Board's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2023 was and the bank balance was . All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes.

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NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Risk Category

All bank deposits, as of the balance sheet date, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. In general, bank deposits are classified as to credit risk by three categories described below:

Category 1 — Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Board or by its agent in the Board's name.

Category 2 — Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository's trust department or agent in the Board's name.

Category 3 — Uncollateralized, including any deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Board's name.

As of June 30, 2023, the Board had funds invested and on deposit in checking accounts. These funds constitute deposits with financial institutions" as defined by GASB Statement No. 40 and are classified as Category 1, both at year-end and throughout the year.

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

All investments in the Fund are governed by the regulations of the Investment Council, which prescribe specific standards designed to insure the quality of investments and to minimize the risks related to investments. In all the years of the Division of Investment's existence, the Division has never suffered a default of principal or interest on any short-term security held by it due to the bankruptcy of a securities issuer; nevertheless, the possibility always exists, and for this reason a reserve is being accumulated as additional protection for the "Other-than-State" participants. In addition to the Council regulations, the Division sets further standards for specific investments and monitors the credit of all eligible securities issuers on a regular basis.

As of June 30, 2023, the Charter School had no funds on deposit with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

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NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2023, consisted of accounts (tuition), intergovernmental, grants, and miscellaneous. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follows:

	Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Activities	Fund		Fiduciary Funds	Total
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund		Food Service Fund	Total Business Type Activities		
State Aid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ 17		\$ 17
Federal Aid	-	-	-	449	449		449
Other	177,324	-	177,324	-	-		177,324
Gross Receivables	177,324	-	177,324	466	466		177,790
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-		-
Total Receivables, Net	\$ 177,324	\$ -	\$ 177,324	\$ 466	\$ 466		\$ 177,790

NOTE 4: INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

Transfers between funds are used to repay expenses paid by another fund.

The following interfund balances remained on the fund financial statements at June 30, 2023:

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 72,914	\$ 4,471
Special Revenue Fund		72,914
Proprietary Fund	4,471	
Fiduciary Fund		
Total	\$ 77,385	\$ 77,385

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

On January 11, 2001, the New Jersey State Department of Education announced that effective July 1, 2001, the capitalization threshold used by Charter Schools in the State of New Jersey is increased to \$2,000. The previous threshold was \$500.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, there were no assets that exceeded the threshold amounts.

NOTE 6: RENTAL LEASE

Right To Use Lease Assets

The Charter School has recorded two right to use leased assets. The assets are right to use assets for leased equipment and leased school facility. The related leases are discussed in the Leases subsection of the Liabilities section of this note. The right to use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases.

Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

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Leased Assets	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Leased Assets Being Amortized				
Leased - Real Estate Expense	1,240,314	0	0	1,240,314
Total Leased Assets Being Amortized	1,240,314	0	0	1,240,314
Less: Accumulated Amortization				
Leased - Real Estate Expense	(310,078)	(103,359)	0	(413,437)
Total Accumulated Amortization	(310,078)	(103,359)	0	(413,437)
Total, Net of Accumulated Amortization	1,033,595	(103,359)	0	826,876

NOTE 7: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A. LEASES

The School operates under a Business Lease (“Lease”) agreement to lease classroom and office space. The school leased space at the premises located at 1238-1300 Hornberger Avenue, Roebing, NJ under a lease agreement for seven years commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2026. The lease requires annual rental payments of \$147,600 for the first five years and \$149,076 for the last two years. In addition, the school is responsible for all utilities and certain building maintenance items as set forth in the lease.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Maturity Analysis	Principal	Interest	Total
07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	90,508	57,092	147,600
07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	98,098	50,978	149,076
07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	104,668	44,408	149,076
07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	111,678	37,398	149,076
07/01/2027 - 06/30/2032	526,684	69,620	596,304
Total	931,637	322,268	1,191,132

Long-Term Debt Rollforward

	Balance July 1, 2021	Reductions	Additions	Balance June 30, 2022	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Lease Liabilities	\$1,021,454	(89,817)	-	\$931,637	90,508
Net Pension Liability	124,923	-	94,438	219,361	-
Governmental Activity long-term liability	\$1,146,377	(\$89,817)	-	\$1,150,998	\$90,508

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NOTE 8: **PENSION PLANS**

Substantially all the Board's employees participate in one of the two, defined benefit public employee systems: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) or the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) of New Jersey. In addition, certain employees may participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP).

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the PERS, please refer to the Division's Annual

Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

Benefits Provided

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. The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Tier	Descriptions
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008, 2010 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to tier 5 members upon 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a members retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 50 to

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Basis of Presentation

The schedule of employer allocations and the schedule of pension amounts by employer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PERS or its participating employers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PERS or the participating employers. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Allocation Methodology and Reconciliation to Financial Statements

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers in PERS to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense. The employer allocation percentages presented in the schedule of employer allocations and applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer are based on the ratio of the contributions of an individual employer to the total contributions to PERS during the measurement period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes, therefore amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer may result in immaterial differences. Although the Division administers one cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, separate (sub) actuarial valuations are prepared to determine the actuarially determined contribution rate by group. Following this method, the measurement of the collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense are determined separately for each individual employer of the State and local groups of the plan.

To facilitate the separate (sub) actuarial valuations, the Division maintains separate accounts to identify additions, deductions, and fiduciary net position applicable to each group. The allocation percentages presented for each group in the schedule of employer allocations are applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer. The allocation percentages for each group as of June 30, 2022 are based on the ratio of each employer's contributions to total employer contributions of the group for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Contributions

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The state's pension contributions is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2022, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009.

Such employers will be credited with the full payment amounts certified for payments due not be included in their unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. Charter School contributions to PERS amounted to \$ 18,330 for fiscal year 2023.

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

At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported a liability of \$ 219,361 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022 measurement date, the Charter School's proportion was 0.00145355%, which was a decrease of 0.00003448% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$ 21,594 . At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred related to pensions from the following sources.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 680	\$ 32,847
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	1,583	1,396
Changes in Proportion	80,247	29,783
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	9,079	0
	<u>\$ 91,589</u>	<u>\$ 64,026</u>

Changes in Proportion

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, 5.63, 5.48, 5.57, 5.72, 6.44, 5.48 years for the 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2014 amounts, respectively.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows resources (excluding employer specific amounts including changes in proportion) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2023	\$ 22,646.92
2024	11,538
2025	5,627
2026	(12,276)
2027	72
	\$ 27,608

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuations as of July 1, 2021. This actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
	2.75-6.55% 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

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Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

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-2021,

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2018. It is like 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.

Long Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long term expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investments expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.28% as of June 30, 2022. The single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investment of 7.00% and a municipal bond rate of 3.87% as of June 30, 2022 based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on the contributions rate in the most recent fiscal year. The State employer contributed 70% of the actuarially determined contributions and the local employers contributed 100% of their actuarially determined contributions. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan investments was applied to projected benefit payment through June 30, 2057. Therefore the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through June 30, 2057 and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

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

The following presents the Charter School's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as of June 30, 2022 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed below, as well as what the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Measurement Date June 30, 2022			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 284,201	\$ 221,219	\$ 167,618
Measurement Date June 30, 2021			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 231,373	\$ 169,903	\$ 117,736

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial statements.

B. Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Pension Description

The State of New Jersey, Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, by which the State of New Jersey (the State) is responsible fund 100% of the employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. The TPAF is administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the TPAF, please refer to the Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

Benefit Provided

The vesting and benefit provision 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 of 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, member's beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the member's accounts. The following represents the membership tiers for TPAF:

Tier	Descriptions
1	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
2	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
3	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008, 2010 and prior to May 22, 2010
4	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
5	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reach age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4

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Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Benefit Provided (Continued)

before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Allocation Methodology

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers in TPAF to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows in resources and collective pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions. The employer and nonemployer allocation percentages presented in the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations and applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer are based on the ratio of the State's actual contributions made as an employer and nonemployer adjusted for unpaid early retirement incentives to total contributions to TPAF during the year ended June 30, 2022 measurement date. Employer and nonemployer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes, therefore amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer may result in immaterial differences.

The contributions policy for TPAF is set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2022 measurement date, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

Special Funding Situation

The Employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:66-33. Therefore, these local participating employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a nonemployer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do 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 local participating employers, such as the Charter School. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Special Funding Situation (Continued)

This note discloses the portion of the Charter School's total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the Charter School. During the fiscal year ended 2023, the State of New Jersey contributed to the TPAF for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Charter School, which is less than the contractually required contribution of \$ 313,159 .

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

As of the June 30, 2022 measurement date, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School was \$ 3,860,521 . The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At the June 30, 2022 measurement date, Charter School's proportion was, which was 0.0074824% a decrease of -0.0001609% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$	-
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School		<u>3,860,521</u>
Total	\$	<u>3,860,521</u>

For the measurement date of June 30, 2022, the State recognized pension expense on behalf of the Charter School in the amount of \$ 313,159 and the Charter School recognized pension expense and revenue for that same amount in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 financial statements.

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Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

The State reported collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 3,013,097,864	\$ 19,441,140,477
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	699,820,974	122,664,916
Changes in Proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	118,969,401	118,969,401
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	1,172,371,073	-
	\$ 5,004,259,312	\$ 19,682,774,794

The \$ 5,004,259,312 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from changes in assumptions will be amortized over a period of 8.5 years. The \$ 19,682,774,794 reported as a deferred inflow of resources resulting from the difference between projected and actual.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2023	\$ (2,658,825,381)
2024	(3,823,762,872)
2025	(3,351,102,048)
2026	(1,509,375,379)
2027	(1,647,727,819)
Thereafter	(1,687,721,983)
	(14,678,515,482)

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate	
Price	2.75%
Wages	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
	2.75 - 5.65%
	based on years of service
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%

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. Post-retirement 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-2022.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 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 pension investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pension 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

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Long Term Expected Rate of Return (Continued)

expected rate of return by weighing 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' target asset allocation as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date is summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%

Discount Rate – TPAF

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.28% as of June 30, 2022. The single blended discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investment of 7.00% and a municipal bond rate of 3.87% as of June 30, 2022 based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on the contributions rate in the most recent fiscal year. The State employer contributed 70% of the actuarially determined contributions.

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Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)

Discount Rate – TPAF (continued)

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 2054. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2054 and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

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

The following presents the net pension liability of the State as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above, as well as what the State's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Measurement Date June 30, 2022			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,533,751	\$ 3,866,669	\$ 3,304,736

Measurement Date June 30, 2021			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,355,838	\$ 3,681,507	\$ 3,115,112

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – TPAF

Detailed information about the TPAF's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TPAF financial statements.

C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS or TPAF, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP, which is a

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Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) (Continued)

defined contribution plan. DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information of the DCRP. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

The contribution policy is set by the New Jersey Statutes and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by the State of New Jersey regulation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums.

For DCRP, the Charter School recognized no pension expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. There were no employee contributions to DCRP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

Post Retirement Benefits

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The school is in a "special funding situation", as described in GASB Statement No. 75 in that OPEB contributions and expense are legally required to be made by and are the sole responsibility of the State of New Jersey.

The State of New Jersey reports a liability as a result of its statutory requirements to pay other postemployment (health) benefits for State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that is

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General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)

Plan Description and Benefits Provided (continued)

administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, no assets are accumulated in a qualifying trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan provides medical, prescription drug, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents of local education employers.

The employer contributions for the participating local education employers are legally required to be funded by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f. According to N.J.S.A 52:14- 17.32f, the State provides employer-paid coverage to employees who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years or more of service credit in, or retires on a disability pension from, one or more of the following plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS), or the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP). 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 total nonemployer OPEB liability does not include certain other postemployment benefit obligations that are provided by the local education employers. The reporting of these benefits are the responsibility of the individual local education employers.

Employees covered by benefit terms:

At June 30, 2022 the OPEB plans measurement period, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active plan member	213,148
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	151,669
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>364,817</u>

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General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability

The total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

	<u>TPAF/ABP</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>PFRS</u>
Salary Increases	2.75% to 4.25% based on service years	2.75% to 6.55% based on service years	3.25% to 16.25% based on service years

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Healthy "Teachers" (TPAF/ABP), "General" (PERS), and "Safety" (PFRS) classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2022. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2022. Disability mortality was based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2023.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2015- June 30, 2018, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018, and July 1, 2013- June 30, 2018 for TPAF, PERS and PFRS, respectively.

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate 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 2022

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Health Care Trend Assumptions (Continued)

through 2022 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%.

Discount rate

The discount rate for June 30, 2021 was 2.16%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. 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 OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2022	\$ 2,146,040
Service cost	250,083
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	45,762
Effect on Changes of Benefit Terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(208,008)
Effect of Changes of Assumptions	(463,224)
Contributions - Employee	1,454
Gross Benefits Paid by the State	(45,328)
Net Changes	(419,261)
Balance at June 30, 2023	1,726,779

Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB liability as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Measurement Date Ended June 30, 2022		
	At 1% Decrease (1.16%)	At current discount rate (2.16%)	At 1% Increase (3.16%)
	Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,029,647	\$ 1,726,779

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Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB liability as of the June 30, 2022 measurement date calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1- percentage point lower or 1- percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Measurement Date Ended June 30, 2022		
	At 1% decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	At 1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,427,288	\$ 1,726,779	\$ 2,120,178

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 the Charter School recognized OPEB expense of \$ 279,733 as determined by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. This expense and the related offsetting revenue are for benefits provided by the State through a defined benefit OPEB plan that meets the criteria in GASB Statement 75, in which there is a special funding situation.

In accordance with GASB Statement 75, as the Charter School's proportionate share of the OPEB liability is \$-0, there is no recognition of the allocation of the proportionate share of the deferred inflows and outflows of resources. At June 30, 2023 the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows Of Resources	Deferred Inflows Of Resources
Difference between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 308,299	\$ 527,206
Net Difference between Expected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	-	-
Assumption Changes	\$ 298,862	587,701
Sub Total	607,160	1,114,907
Contributions Made in Fiscal Year 2021 after June 30, 2020 Measurement Date	TBD	N/A
Total	TBD	1,114,907

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Measurement Period ending June 30		
2023	\$	(85,822)
2024	\$	(85,822)
2025	\$	(85,822)
2026	\$	(74,171)
2027	\$	(42,412)
Total Thereafter	\$	<u>(133,698)</u>
	\$	<u>(507,747)</u>

NOTE 9: 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, student accident, and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

NOTE 10: CONTINGENCIES

Grantor Agencies - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies could be subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Charter School expects such amount, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 11: CONCENTRATIONS

The Charter School depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the federal government and the State of New Jersey. As a result of this dependency, the Charter School is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to federal and State laws and federal and State appropriations.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 12: FUND BALANCE

General Fund

The General Fund surplus in the financial statements at June 30, 2023, was \$506,759 of which \$ 479,602 is unassigned.

NOTE 13: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

GASB No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), is effective with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by (a) establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs; (b) improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs; and (c) enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about SBITAs.

NOTE 14: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 27, 2023 the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

SECTION C – BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:					
Local Sources:					
"Local Levy" Local Share - Charter School Aid	\$ 1,683,158	\$ -	\$ 1,683,158	\$ 1,180,049	\$ (503,109)
Total Local Sources	1,683,158	-	1,683,158	1,180,049	(503,109)
Categorical Aid:					
"Local Levy" State Share - Charter School Aid	320,601	-	320,601	690,861	370,260
Special Education	45,039	-	45,039	15,326	(29,713)
Security Aid	22,094	-	22,094	20,455	(1,639)
Total Categorical Aid	387,734	-	387,734	726,642	338,908
Revenues From Other Sources:					
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	73,708	73,708
On Behalf Pension Aid (Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	300,283	300,283
On Behalf Post Retirement Medical Aid (Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	78,884	78,884
On Behalf Long-Term Disability Insurance Aid (Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	137	137
Total Revenues From Other Sources	-	-	-	453,012	453,012
Total Revenues	2,070,892	-	2,070,892	2,359,703	288,811
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Kindergarten - Salaries of teachers	855,000	(53,230.00)	801,770	801,770	-
Other Salaries for Instruction	18,540	(12,840.00)	5,700	5,700	-
Purchased Prof/Tech Services	6,500	(4,848)	1,652	1,652	-
Other Purchased Services	-	125	125	125	-
General Supplies	68,000	(11,215)	56,785	59,612	(2,827)
Textbooks	8,000	(8,000)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Total Instruction	961,040	(95,008)	866,032	868,859	(2,827)
Administration:					
Salaries - General Administration	365,000	(30,272)	334,728	334,729	(1)
Salaries of Secretarial/Clerical Assistants	65,000	4,300	69,300	69,300	-
Total Benefits Cost	275,843	41,274	317,117	246,451	70,666
Purchases Prof/Tech Services	48,000	19,194	67,194	76,067	(8,873)
Other Purchased Services	50,500	88,656	139,156	115,126	24,030
Communications/Telephone	8,000	1,431	9,431	9,431	-
Supplies and Materials	6,000	(5,268)	732	732	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Total Administration	823,343	114,315	937,658	851,836	85,822
Support Services:					
Rental of Land and Buildings	156,660	(21,360)	135,300	-	135,300
Debt Service - Principal and Interest	-	-	-	147,600	(147,600)
Transportation-Other Than To/From School	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-
Insurance for Property, Liability and Fidelity	30,000	(623)	29,377	29,377	-
Supplies and Materials	6,000	769	6,769	6,769	-
Energy Costs (Heat and Electricity)	20,000	9,407	29,407	29,407	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Total Support Services	220,160	(19,307)	200,853	213,153	(12,300)

See Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this report for an explanation of significant budget variances, original and final.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				\$ 73,708	\$ (73,708)
On Behalf Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				300,283	(300,283)
On Behalf Post-Retirement Medical Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				78,884	(78,884)
On Behalf Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				137	(137)
Total Expenditures	<u>2,004,543</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,004,543</u>	<u>2,386,860</u>	<u>(303,296)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>66,349</u>		<u>66,349</u>	<u>(27,157)</u>	<u>(93,506)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>66,349</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,349</u>	<u>(27,157)</u>	<u>(93,506)</u>
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	<u>581,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>581,759</u>	<u>581,759</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	<u>\$ 648,108</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 648,108</u>	<u>\$ 554,602</u>	<u>\$ (93,506)</u>
Recapitulation of Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 648,108</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>648,108</u>	<u>\$ 554,602</u>	<u>\$ (93,506)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 648,108</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 648,108</u>	<u>\$ 554,602</u>	<u>\$ (93,506)</u>

See Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this report for an explanation of significant budget variances, original and final.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Special Revenue Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:					
Federal Sources	\$ 386,242	\$ -	\$ 386,242	\$ 180,597	\$ (205,645)
State Sources			-	41,275	41,275
Total Revenues	386,242	-	386,242	221,872	(164,370)
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	158,000	-	158,000	61,654	96,346
General Supplies	27,051	-	27,051	25,940	1,111
Total Instruction	185,051	-	185,051	87,594	97,457
Support Services:					
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction	85,000	-	85,000	30,845	54,155
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	54,272	-	54,272	19,451	34,821
Purchased Prof/Ed Services	29,825	-	29,825	29,825	-
Supplies and Materials	14,139	-	14,139	36,202	(22,063)
Total Support Services	183,236	-	183,236	116,323	66,913
Total Expenditures	386,242	-	386,242	221,872	164,370
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Budget-To-GAAP Reconciliation
Note to RSI
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note A - Explanation of differences between Budgetary Inflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Sources/Inflows of Resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues" from the budgetary comparison schedules	[C-1] \$ 2,359,703	[C-2] \$ 221,872
 Difference - Budget to GAAP Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized	 _____	 _____ -
 Total revenues as reports on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - governmental funds.	[B-2] \$ <u>2,359,703</u>	[B-2] \$ <u>221,872</u>
 Uses/Outflows of resources		
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1] \$ 2,386,860	[C-2] \$ 221,872
 Differences - Budget to GAAP: Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial accounting purposes.	 _____	 _____ -
 Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds.	[B-2] \$ <u>2,386,860</u>	[B-2] \$ <u>221,872</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

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

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
 SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
 UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00055808%	0.00186527%	0.21020510%	0.00673806%	0.00679193%	0.00128474%	0.000692090%	0.00139092%	0.00141907%	0.00145355%
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 106,660	\$ 349,229	\$ 199,562	\$ 158,105	\$ 158,105	\$ 252,959	\$ 124,704	\$ 226,823	\$ 168,111	\$ 219,361
Charter School's covered employees payroll	\$ 333,924	\$ 304,858	\$ 47,050	\$ 90,221	\$ 421,140	\$ 100,661	\$ 104,000	\$ 107,120	\$ 134,800	\$ 117,230
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	32%	115%	424%	175%	38%	251%	120%	212%	125%	187%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	48.72%	52.08%	47.93%	45.37%	51.55%	51.55%	53.60%	58.32%	51.52%	62.91%

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
 SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
 UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Contractually required contribution	\$ 4,205	\$ 15,377	\$ 18,072	\$ 5,986	\$ 6,292	\$ 12,894	\$ 6,732	\$ 15,217	\$ 16,619	\$ 18,330
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(4,205)	(15,377)	(18,072)	(5,986)	(6,292)	(12,894)	(6,732)	(15,217)	(16,619)	(18,330)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$ 333,924	\$ 304,858	\$ 47,050	\$ 90,221	\$ 421,140	\$ 100,661	\$ 104,000	\$ 107,120	\$ 134,800	\$ 117,230
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	1.26%	5.04%	38.41%	6.63%	1.49%	12.81%	6.47%	14.21%	12.33%	15.64%

Note: This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB No. 68 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
 SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 TEACHER'S PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
 UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30									
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
State's proportion of the net pension liability attributable of the Charter School	0.129349%	0.0059533%	0.6613500%	0.00731900%	0.00868632%	0.00822581%	0.00720464%	0.00760740%	0.00764337%	0.00748244%
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Charter School	\$ 2,295,341	\$ 3,181,852	\$ 4,180,014	\$ 5,757,625	\$ 5,856,633	\$ 5,233,080	\$ 4,421,555	\$ 5,009,378	\$ 3,674,567	\$ 3,860,521
Charter School's covered employees payroll	\$ 496,674	\$ 672,394	\$ 796,246	\$ 806,243	\$ 832,557	\$ 666,931	\$ 875,490	\$ 925,360	\$ 878,400	\$ 994,400
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	462.14%	473.21%	524.97%	714.13%	703.45%	784.65%	505.04%	541.34%	418.33%	388.23%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	33.76%	33.64%	28.71%	22.33%	22.33%	22.33%	26.95%	24.48%	35.52%	35.52%

***SCHEDULE M - SCHEDULES RELATED TO ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING FOR
POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS***

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence
Required Supplementary Information Schedules
Schedule of Changes in the Charter School's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
Last Six Fiscal Years
(Unaudited)

	Measurement Date Ending					
	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023
OPEB Liability at Beginning of Measurement Period	\$ 1,479,337	\$ 1,438,826	\$ 1,080,738	\$ 1,179,433	\$ 2,252,746	\$ 2,146,040
Service cost	198,247	162,888	136,964	179,009	316,439	250,083
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	47,357	56,846	46,452	46,886	55,671	45,762
Effect on Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	(2,284)	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(254,016)	(425,902)	(67,174)	473,948	(436,219)	(208,008)
Effect of Changes of Assumptions	1,227	999	1,073	411,499	2,117	(463,224)
Contributions - Employee	(33,326)	(28,899)	(36,205)	1,189	1,423	1,454
Gross Benefits Paid by the State	(40,511)	(358,088)	98,695	(39,218)	(43,853)	(45,328)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(40,511)	(358,088)	98,695	1,073,313	(106,706)	(419,261)
OPEB Liability at Beginning of Measurement Period	1,479,337	1,438,826	1,080,738	1,179,433	2,252,746	2,146,040
Expected OPEB Liability at End of Measurement Period	1,438,826	1,080,738	1,179,433	2,252,746	2,146,040	1,726,779
Total OPEB Liability at End of Measurement Period	1,438,826	1,080,738	1,179,433	2,252,746	2,146,040	1,726,779

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

Notes to Schedule:

Differences Between Expected and Actual Experiences: The \$1,399,200,736 increase in the liability from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is due to the combined effect of the following:

Update in census information	\$ 1,102,043,610
Premium and Claims Experience	297,157,126
Total	\$1,399,200,736

Changes in Assumptions:

The \$13,586,368,097 decrease in the liability from June 30, 2021 to June 30, 2022 is due to the combined effect of the following:

Trend Update	\$ 1,934,312,842
Mortality Projection Scale Update	(2,690,739,174)
Discount Rate Change	(12,829,941,765)
Total Changes in Assumption	\$ (13,586,368,097)

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION III

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate remained unchanged from 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 and as of June 30, 2022 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statements No. 67.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
TEACHER'S PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 as of June 30, 2022 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statement No. 67.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SECTION E – SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expandable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

**SECTION G – PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

Proprietary Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the Charter School’s board is that the costs of providing goods or services be financed through user charges.

Food Services Fund – This fund provides for the operation of food service in all Charter School.

**THIS SECTION HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS B-4, B-5, AND
B-6.**

**STATISTICAL SECTION
(UNAUDITED)**

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence has been in operation for ten (10) years. GASB requires that ten years of statistical data be presented. State law usually grants charters for less than ten years. Therefore, only statistical data for ten (10) years are available and have been presented. Each year thereafter, an additional year's data will be included until ten years of data is presented.

Contents

Financial Trends

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the charter school's financial performance and well being have changed over time.

Revenue Capacity (Not Applicable To Charter School)

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the Charter School's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

Debt Capacity

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the charter school's current levels of outstanding debt and the charter school's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

Demographic and Economic Information

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the charter school's financial activities take place.

Operating Information

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

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

FINANCIAL TRENDS

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Net Assets/Position by Component
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Governmental Activities										
Restricted	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000							
Unrestricted	\$ (657,124)	\$ 312,663	\$ 156,465	\$ 322,179	\$ 185,062	\$ 135,137	\$ (33,011)	\$ (102,725)	\$ 134,561	\$ 289,501
Total Governmental Activities Net Assets/Position	\$ 258,044	\$ 387,663	\$ 231,465	\$ 322,179	\$ 185,062	\$ 135,137	\$ (33,011)	\$ (102,725)	\$ 134,561	\$ 289,501
Business-Type Activities										
Unrestricted	\$ 8,887	\$ 5,774	\$ 836	\$ 150	\$ 8,336	\$ 9,647	\$ (1,057)	\$ 11,828	\$ 11,022	\$ 10,849
Total Business-Type Activities Net Assets/Position	\$ 8,887	\$ 5,774	\$ 836	\$ 150	\$ 8,336	\$ 9,647	\$ (1,057)	\$ 11,828	\$ 11,022	\$ 10,849
Charter School-wide										
Unrestricted	\$ (648,237)	\$ 318,437	\$ 157,301	\$ 322,329	\$ 193,398	\$ 144,784	\$ (34,068)	\$ (90,897)	\$ 145,583	\$ 300,350
Total Charter School-wide Net Assets/Position	\$ 266,931	\$ 393,437	\$ 232,301	\$ 322,329	\$ 193,398	\$ 144,784	\$ (34,068)	\$ (90,897)	\$ 145,583	\$ 300,350

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Changes in Net Assets/Position
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Expenses										
Governmental Activities:										
Instruction	\$ 954,476	\$ 1,116,318	\$ 1,081,052	\$ 991,738	\$ 957,710	\$ 807,553	\$ 899,609	\$ 1,005,887	\$ 962,257	\$ 771,055
Administration	1,390,755	867,987	908,936	902,029	895,225	895,225	836,932	722,448	588,719	762,587
Support Services	199,831	174,623	245,042	182,620	204,557	174,178	184,831	188,044	243,721	159,199
Interest on Long - Term Debt	62,773	73,088	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated Amortization and Depreciation	103,359	103,359	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	2,711,194	2,335,375	2,235,030	2,076,387	2,057,492	1,876,956	1,921,372	1,916,379	1,805,392	1,692,841
Business-Type Activities:										
Food Service	35,557	34,836	14,621	31,257	30,885	24,347	25,223	25,282	23,560	23,245
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	35,557	34,836	14,621	31,257	30,885	24,347	25,223	25,282	23,560	23,245
Total Charter School Expenses	\$ 2,746,751	\$ 2,370,211	\$ 2,249,651	\$ 2,107,644	\$ 2,088,377	\$ 1,901,303	\$ 1,946,595	\$ 1,941,661	\$ 1,828,952	\$ 1,716,086
Program Revenues										
Governmental Activities:										
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 15,326	\$ 20,274	\$ 12,641	\$ 8,349	\$ 12,708	\$ 30,639	\$ 21,428	\$ 23,638	\$ 27,513	\$ 24,417
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	15,326	20,274	12,641	8,349	12,708	30,639	21,428	23,638	27,513	24,417
Business-Type Activities:										
Charges for Services	19,414	21,101	7,295	13,457	18,258	-	-	11,535	10,794	-
Operating Grants and Contributions	19,257	18,673	8,012	9,614	11,316	10,478	12,338	14,553	12,939	21,566
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	38,671	39,774	15,307	23,071	29,574	10,478	12,338	26,088	23,733	21,566
Total Charter School Program Revenue	\$ 53,997	\$ 60,048	\$ 27,948	\$ 31,420	\$ 42,282	\$ 41,117	\$ 33,766	\$ 49,726	\$ 51,246	\$ 45,983
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental Activities	\$ (2,695,868)	\$ (2,315,101)	\$ (2,222,389)	\$ (2,068,038)	\$ (2,045,115)	\$ (1,846,317)	\$ (1,899,944)	\$ (1,892,741)	\$ (1,777,879)	\$ (1,688,424)
Business-Type Activities	3,114	4,938	686	(8,186)	(1,311)	(13,869)	(12,885)	806	173	(1,679)
Total Charter School Net Expense	\$ (2,692,754)	\$ (2,310,163)	\$ (2,221,703)	\$ (2,076,224)	\$ (2,046,426)	\$ (1,860,186)	\$ (1,912,829)	\$ (1,891,935)	\$ (1,777,706)	\$ (1,670,103)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets/Position										
Governmental Activities:										
General Purposes	\$ 1,180,049	\$ 1,210,014	\$ 1,051,388	\$ 1,027,208	\$ 984,958	\$ 813,191	\$ 869,872	\$ 900,838	\$ 950,807	\$ 926,518
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted	1,386,200	1,311,300	1,080,247	1,177,947	1,110,082	1,201,274	859,800	754,617	807,677	700,980
Miscellaneous Income	-	12,356	-	-	-	-	35,000	-	12,486	-
Total Governmental Activities	2,566,249	2,533,670	2,131,635	2,205,155	2,095,040	2,014,465	1,764,672	1,655,455	1,770,970	1,627,498
Total Charter School Wide	\$ 2,566,249	\$ 2,533,670	\$ 2,131,635	\$ 2,205,155	\$ 2,095,040	\$ 2,014,465	\$ 1,764,672	\$ 1,655,455	\$ 1,770,970	\$ 1,627,498
Change in Net Assets/Position										
Governmental Activities	\$ (129,619)	\$ 218,569	\$ (90,754)	\$ 137,117	\$ 49,925	\$ 168,148	\$ (135,272)	\$ (237,286)	\$ (6,909)	\$ (40,926)
Business-Type Activities	3,114	4,938	686	(8,186)	(1,311)	(13,869)	(12,885)	806	173	(1,679)
Total Charter School	\$ (126,505)	\$ 223,507	\$ (90,068)	\$ 128,931	\$ 48,614	\$ 154,279	\$ (148,157)	\$ (236,480)	\$ (6,736)	\$ (42,605)

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
 Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
General Fund Unassigned	\$ 554,602	\$ 581,759	\$ 450,773	\$ 561,087	\$ 417,734	\$ 352,555	\$ 195,644	\$ 102,261	\$ 282,592	\$ 289,501
Total General Fund	\$ 554,602	\$ 581,759	\$ 450,773	\$ 561,087	\$ 417,734	\$ 352,555	\$ 195,644	\$ 102,261	\$ 282,592	\$ 289,501

OPERATING INFORMATION

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Revenues:										
Local Sources:										
Revenue from Community Services Activities	\$ 1,180,049	\$ 1,210,014	\$ 1,051,388	\$ 1,027,208	\$ 984,958	\$ 813,191	\$ 904,872	\$ 900,838	\$ 963,293	\$ 926,518
State Sources	1,202,974	1,143,031	1,028,142	986,230	920,872	952,670	847,661	742,823	803,826	694,526
Federal Sources	198,552	188,543	64,746	66,468	50,332	48,680	33,567	35,432	31,364	30,871
Total Revenues	<u>2,581,575</u>	<u>2,553,944</u>	<u>2,144,276</u>	<u>2,079,906</u>	<u>1,956,162</u>	<u>1,814,541</u>	<u>1,786,100</u>	<u>1,679,093</u>	<u>1,798,483</u>	<u>1,651,915</u>
Expenditures:										
Instruction	956,453	896,852	840,302	795,754	739,009	661,124	723,810	773,959	815,559	614,694
Administration	1,304,848	1,200,130	1,169,246	958,179	946,073	822,328	784,076	897,421	723,316	909,256
Support Services	329,476	325,976	245,042	182,620	205,901	174,178	184,831	188,044	255,822	168,891
Capital Outlay	17,955	1,033,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,695	-
Total Expenditures	<u>2,608,732</u>	<u>3,456,553</u>	<u>2,254,590</u>	<u>1,936,553</u>	<u>1,890,983</u>	<u>1,657,630</u>	<u>1,692,717</u>	<u>1,859,424</u>	<u>1,805,392</u>	<u>1,692,841</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(27,157)</u>	<u>(902,609)</u>	<u>(110,314)</u>	<u>143,353</u>	<u>65,179</u>	<u>156,911</u>	<u>93,383</u>	<u>(180,331)</u>	<u>(6,909)</u>	<u>(40,926)</u>
Other Financing Source (Uses):										
Transfers In	-	1,095,966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Uses	-	<u>1,095,966</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ (27,157)</u>	<u>\$ 193,357</u>	<u>\$ (110,314)</u>	<u>\$ 143,353</u>	<u>\$ 65,179</u>	<u>\$ 156,911</u>	<u>\$ 93,383</u>	<u>\$ (180,331)</u>	<u>\$ (6,909)</u>	<u>\$ (40,926)</u>

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Full-Time Equivalent Charter School Employees by Function
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Function	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Instruction	15	14	15	14	14	14	14	15	13	12
Administrative	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Support Services	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Food Service	3	4	4	0	4	4	4	4	1	1
Total	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Operating Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff	Pupil / Teacher Ratio	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	Percent Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2023	153	\$ 2,386,860	\$ 15,600	8.12%	15	10.2:1	153.1	150	-0.59%	97.98%
2022	154	2,222,059	\$ 14,429	0.81%	14	10.7:1	154	149	0.65%	96.75%
2021	153	2,189,844	\$ 14,313	18.63%	15	10.7:1	153	149	1.95%	96.75%
2020	155	1,870,085	\$ 12,065	1.60%	14	10.3:1	151	97.8	-2.65%	64.77%
2019	155	1,840,651	\$ 11,875	6.28%	14	10.3:1	155	151	8.39%	97.42%
2018	144	1,608,950	\$ 11,173	-3.03%	0	10.3:1	142	141	0.00%	99.30%
2017	144	1,659,150	\$ 11,522	-9.04%	0	9.3:1	142	141	0.00%	99.30%
2016	144	1,823,992	\$ 12,667	6.40%	13	9.6:1	142	136	0.00%	95.77%
2015	143	1,702,369	\$ 11,905	1.71%	13	11:1	142	144	-0.70%	101.41%
2014	142	1,661,970	\$ 11,704	-2.83%	12	9:1	143	138	0.70%	96.50%

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 Insurance Schedule
 June 30, 2021
 (Unaudited)

	Coverage	Deductible
COMMERCIAL PACKAGE		
<i>Commercial General Liability - Great American</i>		
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000	
General Aggregate	2,000,000	
Products-completed operations aggregate limit	2,000,000	
Personal and advertising injury	1,000,000	
Damage to premises rented	100,000	
Premises medical payments	5,000	
<i>Commercial Property - Great American</i>		
Building (RC) 90% co-ins	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,000
Business Personal Property	75,000	1,000
Equipment Breakdown Limit	3,075,000	
<i>Business Automobile Coverage - Great American</i>		
Non-owned and Hired Car Limit	\$ 1,000,000	
<i>Umbrella Liability - Great American</i>		
Limit of Liability Each occurrence	\$ 4,000,000	
General Aggregate	4,000,000	
Products/Completed Ops Agg	4,000,000	
Self-Insured Retention	10,000	
<i>Workman's Compensation - The Hartford</i>		
Bodily Injury by Accident	\$ 1,000,000	
Bodily Injury by Disease (policy limit)	1,000,000	
Bodily Injury by Disease (each employee)	1,000,000	
<i>D&O Including Employment Related Practices & Educators</i>		
<i>Wrongful Acts (Great American)</i>		
D&O Limit	\$ 1,000,000	
Employment Related Practices Limit	1,000,000	
Retention Limit		\$ 2,500

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
 New Jersey Performance Framework Financial Ratios
 Audited Performance Indicators
 Last Three Fiscal Years

	2021 Audit	2022 Audit	2023 Audit	Source
Cash	395,973	434,248	331,232	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Current Assets (include cash)	459,471	602,791	640,874	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Current Liabilities	7,862	8,105	77,385	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Total Expenses	2,249,651	2,370,211	2,746,751	Audit: Exhibit A-2
Change in Net Position	(80,068)	223,507	(126,505)	Audit: Exhibit A-2
Final Average Daily Enrollment (exclude PK)*	151.00	153.00	154.00	DOE Final Enrollment Report
March 30 Budgeted Enrollment (exclude PK)	155	153	154	March 30 Charter School Budget
<i>Complete section only if auditee has mortgage/note/bond payable:</i>				
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers
Interest Expense	-	-	62,773	Auditor/Workpapers
Principal Payments	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers
Interest Payments	-	-	62,773	Auditor/Workpapers

	3 YR CUM			Target****
	2021	2022	2023	
Performance Indicators				
Near Term Indicators				
1a.	58.44	74.37	8.28	Current Assets/Current Liabilities > 1.1 or between 1.0-1.1 with positive trend
1b.	64	67	44	Cash/(Total Expenses/365) 60 days or 30-60 days with positive trend
1c.	97%	100%	100%	Average Daily Enrollment/Budgeted Enrollment >95% or >95% for 3 yr cum
1d.**	NO	NO	NO	Auditor not in default
Sustainability Indicators				
2a***	98,129	38,275	(103,016)	Net change in cash flow from prior years 3 yr cum positive with most recent year positive
2b	N/A	N/A	(1.02)	N/A or (Change in Net Position + depreciation + interest expense) / (principal + interest payments) >1.10

* For renaissance schools: use Oct 15 count; if no final count; use head count if ADE not available
 ** Is school in default of loan covenant(s) and/or is delinquent with debt service payments? Yes or No
 *** 2023 =2023 Cash -2022 Cash; 2022 =2022 Cash -2021 Cash; 2021 =2021 Cash -2020 Cash
 **** Refer to NJ Performance Framework

Meets Standard
 Does Not Meet Standard
 Falls Far Below Standard

SINGLE AUDIT SECTION

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

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Riverbank Charter School of Excellence
County of Burlington
Roebbling, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the 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; and in compliance with 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, and each major fund of Riverbank Charter School of Excellence (Charter School), in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 2023, which contains an emphasis of matter paragraph describing the adoption of a new accounting principle and consistency of financial statements.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting 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 financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


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

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Riverbank Charter School of Excellence
County of Burlington
Roebling, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The Riverbank Charter School of Excellence’s major state programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor’s Results Section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Riverbank Charter School of Excellence, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, 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, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; and New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Riverbank Charter School of Excellence and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state program.

Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's State programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's compliance with the requirements of each major State program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; and New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Riverbank Charter School of Excellence's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on 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 a 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified. Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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


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RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Schedules of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Assistance Listing Number	Federal Grant or Pass-through Grant/Program Title	Additional Award Identification	Federal FAIN Number	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period From To	Balance at June 30, 2022	Carryover/ (Waiver) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Pass-Through To Subrecipients	Adjustments	Repayment Of Prior Years' Balances	Balance at June 30, 2023	
														Accounts Receivable	Unearned Revenue
U.S. Department of Education															
Passed-through State Department of Education															
Special Revenue Fund:															
No Child Left Behind:															
84.010A	Title I Part A Carryover	N/A	5010A150030	NCLB - 6026 - 23	34,925	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	\$ -	\$ -	34,925	(34,925)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
84.010A	Total No Child Left Behind	N/A	5010A150030	NCLB - 6026 - 22	-	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	(23,742)	-	23,742	(34,925)	-	-	-	-	-
Social Education Cluster (IDEA):															
84.027	I.D.E.A. Part B Basic	84.027A	H027A150100	IDEA - 6026 - 23	26,654	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	(13,612)	-	26,654	(26,654)	-	-	-	-	-
84.027	I.D.E.A. Part B Basic Carryover	84.024A	H027A150100	IDEA - 6026 - 22	4,500	9/1/21 - 8/31/22	(5,790)	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-	-	-	-
84.173	I.D.E.A. Preschool	N/A	H173A150114	IDEA - 6026 - 23	509	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(5,057)	-	509	(509)	-	-	-	-	-
84.027	ARP - I.D.E.A. Part B Basic Carryover	84.027	H027A220100	IDEA-6081-22	-	7/1/22 - 9/30/23	(18,669)	-	46,832	(27,163)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Special Revenue Funds:															
84.425	CRRS Act - ESSER II	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	-	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(5,790)	-	5,790	(4,500)	-	-	-	-	-
84.425	CRRS Act - Learning Acceleration Grant Carryover	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	4,500	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(5,790)	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-	-	-	-
84.425	CRRS Act - Mental Health	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	26,992	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(26,992)	-	26,992	(26,992)	-	-	-	-	-
84.425	ESSER III - ARP	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	25,279	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(25,279)	-	25,279	(25,279)	-	-	-	-	-
84.425	ESSER III - Acc. Learning Coach/Ed Sup	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	9,773	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(9,773)	-	9,773	(9,773)	-	-	-	-	-
84.425	ESSER III - Covid Based Summer	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	40,000	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(40,000)	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-	-	-	-
84.425	ESSER III - Food Security Comp.	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	12,265	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(12,265)	-	12,265	(12,265)	-	-	-	-	-
84.425	ESSER III - Mental Health	84.425	S425D220027	N/A	12,265	9/1/22 - 8/31/23	(12,265)	-	12,265	(12,265)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Special Revenue Funds															
Total U.S. Department of Education															
Total Special Revenue Fund															
(48,201)															
(48,201)															
U.S. Department of Agriculture															
Passed-through State Department of Agriculture															
Enterprise Fund:															
10.550	Food Distribution Program	N/A	211N1304N1099	N/A	-	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.550	Food Distribution Program	N/A	201N1304N1099	N/A	-	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Child Nutrition Cluster:															
10.555	COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	COVID-19	211N1304N1099	N/A	18,423	7/1/22 - 6/30/23	(497)	-	17,974	(18,423)	-	-	(449)	-	-
10.555	COVID-19 National School Lunch Program	COVID-19	201N1304N1099	N/A	-	7/1/21 - 6/30/22	(497)	-	497	(497)	-	-	(449)	-	-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster															
Total Enterprise Fund															
(497)															
(497)															
(497)															
Sub-Total Federal Financial Awards															
(48,698)															
(48,698)															
(48,698)															

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period		Balance at June 30, 2022			Balance at June 30, 2023			MEMO					
			From	To	Unearned (Accounts Receivable)	Due to Grantor	Carryover/ (Waiver) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments/ Reversals of Prior Year's Balance		(Accounts Receivable)	Unearned Interfund Payable	Due to Grantor	Budgetary Receivable	Cumulative Total Expenditures
State Department of Education																
General Fund:																
State Aid-Public																
23-495-034-5120-078		690,861	7/1/22	6/30/23				517,034	(690,861)							690,861
23-495-034-5120-078		-	7/1/21	6/30/22		10,786		123,801		(173,827)						15,326
23-495-034-5120-089		15,326	7/1/22	6/30/23				20,455	(15,326)							20,455
23-495-034-5120-084		20,455	7/1/22	6/30/23				676,616	(726,642)							726,642
State Aid-Public Total		726,642				10,786										
On Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions	23-495-034-5094-004	167	7/1/22	6/30/23				137	(137)							137
On Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	23-495-034-5095-001	72,884	7/1/22	6/30/23				78,884	(78,884)							78,884
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	23-495-034-5095-006	312,372	7/1/22	6/30/23				300,283	(300,283)							300,283
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security	23-495-034-5095-002	64,219	7/1/22	6/30/23				73,708	(73,708)							73,708
Total General Fund						10,786		1,128,628	(1,179,654)	(173,827)						1,179,654
Special Revenue Fund:																
Charter School Security	23-500257	17,955	7/1/22	6/30/23				17,955	(17,955)							17,955
Emergent & Capital	23-000-000	23,320	7/1/22	6/30/23				23,320	(23,320)							23,320
Total Special Revenue Fund								41,275	(41,275)							41,275
State Department of Agriculture																
Enterprise Fund:																
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023	834	7/1/22	6/30/23				817	(834)	(17)						834
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	22-100-010-3350-023	-	7/1/21	6/30/22		(47)		47								-
Total Enterprise Fund						(47)		864	(834)	(17)						834
Total State Financial Assistance						(134,634)		1,171,767	(1,221,763)	(173,844)						1,171,763
State Financial Assistance Not to Subject to Major Program Determination:																
General Fund (Non-Cash Assistance)																
On Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions	23-495-034-5094-004	167	7/1/22	6/30/23				(137)	137							137
On Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	23-495-034-5095-001	72,884	7/1/22	6/30/23				(78,884)	78,884							78,884
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	23-495-034-5095-006	312,372	7/1/22	6/30/23				(300,283)	300,283							300,283
Total On-Behalf TPAF Payments								(379,304)	379,304							379,304
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Major Program Determination						(134,634)		792,463	(842,459)	(173,844)						1,601,067

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence
Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
June 30, 2023

NOTE 1. GENERAL

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

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of awards and financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the food service fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These basis of accounting are described in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 CFR 200 – *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and the New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, "*Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid*". Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 when expenditures have been made.

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the one or more deferred June state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*. For GAAP purposes payments are not recognized until the subsequent budget year due to the state deferral and recording of the one or more June state aid payments in the subsequent year. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the one or more June state aid payment in the current budget year, consistent with *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*.

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is none for the general fund and none for the special revenue fund. See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the board's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented below:

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
June 30, 2023

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,179,654	\$ 1,179,654
Special Revenue Fund	180,597	41,275	221,872
Food Service Fund	18,423	834	19,257
Total Awards & Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 199,020</u>	<u>\$ 1,221,763</u>	<u>\$ 1,420,783</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. FEDERAL AND STATE LOANS OUTSTANDING

Riverbank Charter School of Excellence has no loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 6. OTHER INFORMATION

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance represents the amount paid by the state on behalf of the charter school for the year ended June 30, 2023. TPAF Social Security Contributions 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, 2023.

NOTE 7. ON-BEHALF PROGRAMS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE SINGLE AUDIT

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension and Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions payments are not subject to a State single audit and, therefore, are excluded from major program determination. The Schedule of State Financial Assistance provides a reconciliation of State financial assistance reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
June 30, 2023

NOTE 8. SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM FUNDS

Schoolwide programs are not separate federal programs as defined in *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards*; amounts used in schoolwide programs are included in the total expenditures of the program contributing the funds in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The Charter School does not have a schoolwide program.

NOTE 9. MAJOR PROGRAMS

Major programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued on financial statements		<u>Unmodified</u>
Internal control over financial reporting:		
1) Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes	___X___ No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____ Yes	None ___X___ Reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	___X___ No

Federal Awards

N/A

State Awards

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:		\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	___X___ Yes	_____ No
Internal control over major programs:		
1) Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ Yes	___X___ No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____ Yes	None ___X___ Reported
Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs		<u>Unmodified</u>
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with NJ Circular Letter 15-08-OMB, as applicable?	_____ Yes	___X___ No

Identification of major state programs:

GMIS Number(s)	Name of State Program
	STATE AID-PUBLIC:
<u>23-495-034-5120-078</u>	<u>EQUALIZATION AID</u>
<u>23-495-034-5120-089</u>	<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION CATEGORICAL AID</u>
<u>23-495-034-5120-084</u>	<u>SECURITY AID</u>

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section II – Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

The section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements, and abuse related to the basic financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and with audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, requires.

No Current Year Findings

***Section III – Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
Findings and Questioned Costs***

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

CURRENT YEAR FEDERAL AWARDS

Not Applicable

CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS

No Current Year Findings

RIVERBANK CHARTER SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs as Prepared By
Management
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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 U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, as amended.

Findings

There were no prior year findings reported