



ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

# FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED

**JUNE 30, 2023** 

PREPARED BY
GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL

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January 31, 2024

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#### **Dear Commissioner:**

We hereby submit the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School (the "Charter School" or "GOLCS") for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Charter School. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to fairly present the financial position and result of operations of the various funds of the Charter School. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the Charter School's financial activities have been included.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires that management provide a narrative introduction overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. Great Oaks Legacy Charter School's MD&A can be found immediately following the Independent Auditor's Report.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is presented in four sections: introductory, financial, statistical and single audit. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter, the Charter School's organizational chart and a list of principal officials. The financial section includes the independent auditor's report, management's discussion and analysis (MD&S) and the basic financial statements including the Charter School-wide financial statements presented in conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34. The basic financial statements also include individual fund financial statements and required supplemental information (RSI). The statistical section includes selected financial and demographic information, generally presented on a multi-year basis.

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

# 1) REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES

The Great Oaks Legacy Charter School is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as established by National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA) Statement No. 3. All funds and account groups of the Charter School are included in this report.

Great Oaks Legacy Charter School is an open-admission, tuition-free public-school option for Prekindergarten through 12th graders. Our mission is to prepare our students to **succeed in college**. The school pursues that mission by building a strong community, supporting all students, and holding ourselves to high expectations.

Prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, the Charter School's application to merge with another charter school (Newark Legacy Charter School) was approved during the prior year ended June 30, 2016. The merger became effective in July 2016. The merged entity, doing business as Great Oaks Legacy Charter School, served PreK to 12 with approximately 1,980 students (including 56 Preschool students) during the 2022-2023 school year.

# 2) ENROLLMENT OUTLOOK

In its twelfth year of operation, Great Oaks Legacy Charter School served 1,980 students in grades PK-12.

Great Oaks Legacy Charter School's approach is distinctive in several key ways:

- Tight-knit *small school*: Grade cohorts of fewer than 100 develop an intimate community, where every student feels known and cared about.
- *Effective teachers:* We will budget the funds to attract the best staff with competitive salaries.
- *More time on task*. The school day runs from 8:15am am to 3:50 pm and the school offers after-school, weekend, and summer intervention programs for at-risk students.
- *High expectations* for each of our students. Students must earn a 70% to pass a course and every student will be able to take Advanced Placement courses and to enroll in a college course during their senior year.

# 3) ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK

The Charter School is located in the City of Newark, which is the largest city in the state. The City serves as the county seat for Essex County, with County, State, Federal Courts and governmental offices attracting a large number of law firms to the central business district.

Newark is a transportation center serviced by Interstate Highway system, NJ Transit, Amtrak Rail Links, and Newark International Airport, as well as container and cargo facilities at Port Newark-Elizabeth.

It is the insurance, finance and banking capital of the State. Headquartered in Newark are a number of large financial institutions including the Prudential Insurance Company, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, as well as the State's largest public utility, Public Service Electric and Gas Company. Newark is the site of the Rutgers University School of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the Newark campus of Rutgers University, Seton Hall Law School and Essex County College. Covering over 320 acres, these colleges serve a population of 45,000 students and faculty.

The City of Newark has been obliged to perform a revaluation of property holdings. Among the concerns voiced in conjunction with this change is the potential effect of the redistribution of property tax burden on economic activity and on the ability of local government to maintain and improve services including its tax contribution for public school purposes.

The City has experienced a surge of large-scale economic development projects initiated by the private sector over the last decade. The increasing number of businesses relocating to the area is expected to result in an increase in employment level, which could result in an increased tax base, both residential and industrial, and an increase in annual daily enrollment. The period of economic development and expansion is expected to continue which suggests that the Charter School will continue to prosper. As our enrollment increases we plan to lease additional facilities at our current location and possibly in surrounding areas in the City.

#### 4) MAJOR INITIATIVES

Great Oaks Legacy has made a commitment to serving all students, especially the highest needs students, and is committed to continuous self-evaluation and improvement in our outreach to the Newark students most in need of a rigorous college-preparatory middle and high school program. Our commitment is evident in all aspects of outreach and our educational program, including:

- All recruitment materials printed in English and Spanish
- Multiple methods of applying to the school by mail, online, in person
- Blanket mailings to families in the ZIP codes surrounding the school location
- Certified Special Education Coordinator from first day of operation
- High-dosage daily tutoring that meets each student's individual needs

# 4) MAJOR INITIATIVES - continued

- Proactive parent phone calls that engage families and reduce mobility
- Application process aligned with tenets of equity and openness described in the Newark Charter School Compact
- Participation in Newark's Universal Enrollment System.

For the current year, our outreach has been broader, more targeted to the neighborhoods surrounding our school and intended to generate a high-level of interest among the most underserved populations in the city. We have engaged current students' families to leverage their personal networks to boost word-of-mouth applicants, as well as conducting an extensive mailing effort, posting billboards around Newark, attending school choice fairs sponsored by the city to meet with families and conducting hand-to-hand outreach. Our participation in the Universal Enrollment System ensures that the fewest barriers are placed for applicant families and that students who apply are matched by an impartial algorithm.

### 5) INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS

Management of the Charter School is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control designed to ensure 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). The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

As a recipient of federal awards and state financial assistance, the Charter School also is responsible for ensuring that adequate system of internal controls is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. This system of 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 the system of internal controls, including that portion related to federal awards and state financial assistance programs, as well as to determine that the Charter School has complied with applicable laws and regulations.

# 6) **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 the statutory requirements of charter school budgets. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for general and special revenue funds. The final budget amount, as amended for the 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 period end are either canceled or are included as reappropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. No reservation of fund balance was made at June 30, 2023.

The year 2022-2023 is our twelfth audit period. The Charter School made efforts during the period to thoroughly review its operational processes and procedures in order to prepare for the audit and on maintaining general compliance with sound fiscal practices.

# 7) ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORT

The Charter School's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting records also reflect New Jersey State Statute (N.J.S.A 18:4-14) that requires a uniform system of double-entry bookkeeping consistent with the GAAP established by GASB for us in all school districts and charter school.

The accounting system is organized on the basis of funds in accordance with the Uniform Charter of Accounts (Handbook 2R2) for New Jersey Public Schools. These funds are explained in "Notes to the Financial Statements", Note 1.

# 8) FINANCIAL STATEMENT INFORMATION

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 schedule presents a summary of the General Fund, and Special Revenue Fund for the year ended June 30, 2023:

# Summary of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Revenues

	2023	2022	Variance Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage Variance
Local sources	\$ 6,699,969	\$ 5,141,323	\$ 1,558,646	30.3%
State sources	36,323,922	33,686,539	2,637,383	7.8%
Federal sources	8,923,322	8,295,156	628,166	7.6%
	\$ 51,947,213	\$ 47,123,018	\$ 4,824,195	10.2%

The fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was the Charter School's twelfth year of operations. The increase of 10.2 % in revenue was due to the significant Federal COVID-19 funding in 2023.

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

# Summary of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Expenditures

	2023	2022	Variance Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage Variance
Instruction	\$ 18,621,616	\$ 16,973,675	\$ 1,647,941	9.7%
Administrative	17,103,264	10,947,865	6,155,399	56.2%
Support services	17,012,436	17,201,335	(188,899)	-1.1%
Capital outlay	3,636,521	1,294,735	2,341,786	180.9%
	\$ 56,373,837	\$ 46,417,610	\$ 9,956,227	21.4%

2023 was the Charter School's twelfth year of operations. The overall increase of 21.4% in expenditures was largely due to increase in COVID-19 related expenditures in 2023.

# 9) <u>CASH MANAGEMENT</u>

The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statements". The Charter School has adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provision of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

# 10) RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability and comprehensive/collision, hazard and theft insurance on property and contents, fidelity bonds and worker's compensation.

# 11) OTHER INFORMATION

# **Independent Audit**

State statute requires an annual audit by independent Certified Public Accountants or registered Municipal Accountants. The Charter School appointed the accounting firm of Ilori CPA LLC, Certified Public Accountant.

In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08 "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid".

The auditor's report on the basic financial statements is included in the financial section of this report. The auditor's reports related specifically to the single audit are included in the single audit section of this report.

The 2022-2023 school year (the school's twelfth year) was one of great strides in terms of academic achievement at the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School. In addition, the period was marked by expected levels of parental involvement. Lastly, GOLCS continues to enjoy a strong financial position through careful stewardship of its resources. The next school year promises to be one that builds upon these successes with additional progress in all areas of the School's operations, and particularly in the area of student achievement.

# 12) <u>COVID-19</u>

In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in Wuhan, China and has since spread to other countries, including the U.S. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. In addition, as of March 21, 2020, New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy ordered the closure of the physical location of every "non-life sustaining" and "non-essential" business for what may be an extended period of time. The Charter School had to close its physical locations. Future potential impacts may include continued disruptions or restrictions on its employees' ability to work and impairment of its ability to obtain grants and contributions. Though the impact on the Charter School's operations cannot be reasonably estimated at this date, it is likely that there will be an impact on certain revenue in the General Fund and other state aid and the local tax levy. Nonetheless, the degree of any future impact to the Charter School's operations and finances is difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and any additional actions that may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

To date, the overall finances and operations of the Charter School have not been materially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

# 13) ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A note of appreciation is extended to the Finance Committee of the Charter School for their support and commitment to fiscal integrity and to the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School Board of Trustees for their selfless dedication to improving student achievement.

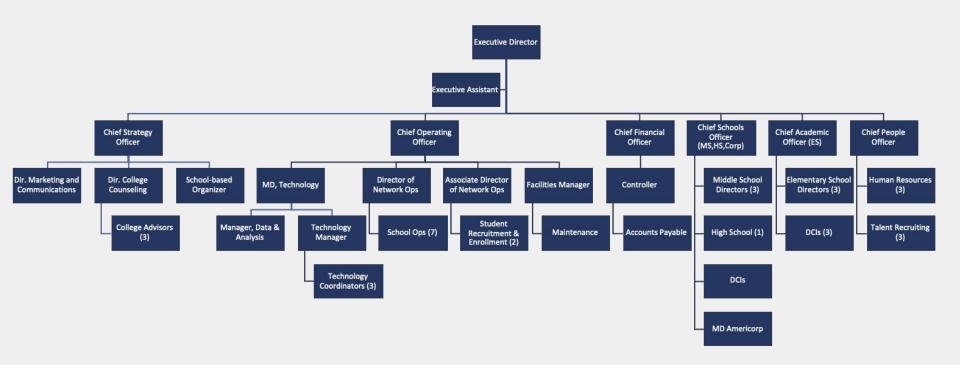
A special note of appreciation is extended to the Talent and Finance Teams and to all of the Network staff members for their untiring efforts to improve processes, procedures and audit outcomes. Their contributions in support of the students and staff of the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School are truly noteworthy. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our financial, accounting and administrative staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Jared Taillefer

Chief Executive Officer

# **Network Team Org Chart**





#### ROSTER OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

**JUNE 30, 2023** 

# **Members of Board of Trustees**

Richard Hernandez, Esq., Board President

Brian Nevel, Board Treasurer

Dr. Karma Warren, Board Member

Allison Bowman, Board Member

Peter Hantes, Board Member

Everett Johnson, Board Member

Michael Duffy, Board Member

Tenia Peterson, Board Member

# **Administration**

Jared Taillefer, Executive Director

Dr. Brian Falkowski, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, starting December 2023.

Greg Foster, Chief Operating Officer

Valerie Corner, School Business Administrator, thru November 2023

Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA – Fiscal Consultant

Prudence Minton, Chief Academic Officer

Lisa Powell, Chief Academic Officer

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#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Great Oaks Legacy Charter School Newark, New Jersey County of Essex

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Board of Trustees Great Oaks Legacy Charter School, (the "Charter School") in the County of Essex, 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 accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Charter School as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit 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 and the audit requirements prescribed by the *Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*. 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 the Charter School 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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, 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 about the Charter School'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 opinion. 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 generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS), *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, 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 generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, 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 the Charter School, Inc.'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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Charter School, Inc.'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.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, pension information and other postemployment benefits information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

# Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by New Jersey 0MB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Charter School 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 and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedules 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 section, financial schedules and statistical section 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 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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2024 on our consideration of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Ilori CPA LLC

January 31, 2024 Newark, New Jersey

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# **Required Supplementary Information**

# Part I

# **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

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

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

## Introduction

This section of the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Charter School's financial performance and provides an overview of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. It should be read in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Charter School's financial statements, which follow this section.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statement – and Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Governments. Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

# **Financial Highlights**

## Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2023 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities ended the fiscal year with \$3,424,187. Net position of business-type activities, which represent food service operations/after care programs, ended the fiscal year with net position of \$64,814.
- General revenues accounted for \$39,526,164 in revenue or 74 percent of total revenues of \$53,336,408. Program specific revenues, in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for \$13,810,244 or 26 percent of total revenues.
- The Charter School had \$55,551,810 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$12,421,049 of these expenses is offset by operating grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily federal and state aid) of \$39,336,738 helped to provide for the balance of these programs.
- The General Fund reported fund surplus at June 30, 2023, of \$9,624,165.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

# **Using the Basic Financial Statements**

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

The report is organized so the reader can understand the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School as a financial whole, or as an entire operating entity. The first two basic financial Statements, the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, are governmental-wide financial statements and provide overall information about the activities of the entire Charter School, presenting both an aggregate view of the Charter School's finances and a long-term view of those finances. The remaining basic financial statements are fund financial statements that focus on the individual parts of the government, reporting the Charter School's operation in more detail than the government-wide statements. The fund financial statements also look at the Charter School's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in a single column. For the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School, the General Fund is the most significant fund.

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

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

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

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

# Reporting the Charter School as a Whole

#### **Statement of Net Position and Statements of Activities**

While this report contains the fund used by the Charter School to provide programs and activities, the view of the Charter School as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "how did we do financially during fiscal year 2023?" The statements of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These Statements include all the Charter School's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting system used by most private sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash was received or paid.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

#### Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities-continued

These two statements report the Charter School's net position and changes in those assets. This change in net position is important because it identifies whether the financial position of the Charter School has improved or diminished for the Charter School as a whole. The cause of this change may be the result of many factors some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the property tax base of the School District where the Charter School is located, current educational funding laws in New Jersey, facilities conditions, required educational programs, and other factors. In the Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities, the Charter School is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

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

**Business-Type Activity** – Services are provided on a charge for goods or services or reimbursement basis to recover the expenses of the goods or services provided. The food service operations/after care and summer instructional programs 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 major funds-not the Charter School as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Charter School uses to keep track of a multitude of financial transactions. The Charter School's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

#### **Governmental Funds**

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

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

# **Enterprise Fund**

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

#### The Charter School as a Whole

The perspective of the Statement of Net Position is of the Charter School as a whole. Net position may serve over time as useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Charter School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,489,001 at the close of 2023. The following table provides a summary of net position relating to the Charter School's governmental and business type activities:

		Gover Acti					sines ype tiviti			To	tal	
	2023			2022		2023		2022		2023		2022
Assets												
Current Assets	\$	11,062,141	\$	17,974,980	\$	64,814	\$	286,681	\$	11,126,955	\$	18,261,661
Capital Assets, net		8,083,690		5,766,305		-		-		8,083,690		5,766,305
Lease Assets, net		37,452,057		24,616,096						37,452,057		24,616,096
Deferred outflows of resources		4,514,016		5,606,656		-		-		4,514,016		5,606,656
Total Assets		61,111,904		53,964,037		64,814		286,681		61,176,718		54,250,718
Liabilities												
Current Liabilities		1,437,976		3,734,765		-		197,536		1,437,976		3,932,301
Long term Liabilities		13,034,779		9,250,722		-		-		13,034,779		9,250,722
Lease Liabilities		40,624,665		27,230,925						40,624,665		27,230,925
Deferred inflows of resources		2,590,297		6,529,415		-				2,590,297		6,529,415
Total Liabilities		57,687,717		46,745,827		-		197,536		57,687,717		46,943,363
Net Desition												
Net Position												
Invested in												
Capital Assets		0.002.600		5.766.205						0.002.600		5.766.205
(net of related debt)		8,083,690		5,766,305		-		-		8,083,690		5,766,305
Lease Assets		(2.152.600)		(2.614.020)						(2.172.600)		(0.614.020)
(net of related debt)		(3,172,608)		(2,614,829)						(3,172,608)		(2,614,829)
Restricted - special	•		75,000	-			-	75,000			75,000	
Unrestricted		(1,561,895)		3,991,734	_	64,814		89,145	_	(1,497,081)		4,080,879
Total Net Position	\$	3,424,187	\$	7,218,210	\$	64,814	\$	89,145	\$	3,489,001	\$	7,307,355

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

The largest portion of the Charter School's net position is its current assets. The Charter School uses these current assets to provide services.

The total net position of the Charter School decreased by \$3,818,354 during the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The majority of the decrease is attributable to the decrease in net position in the Governmental Activities.

The table that follows reflects the change in net position for fiscal year 2023.

		Govern					ype			T	1	
		Acti	vitie		_	Acti	viti			Tot	aı	2022
		2023		2022		2023		2022	2023			2022
Revenues												
Program Revenues:												
Charge for Services	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,135	\$	-	\$	3,135
Operating grants												
and Contributions		12,421,049		10,037,879		1,389,195		1,463,168		13,810,244		11,501,047
Total Program Revenues		12,421,049		10,037,879		1,389,195		1,466,303		13,810,244		11,504,182
General Revenues:												
Local Aid		4,022,808		4,043,876		-		-		4,022,808		4,043,876
Federal and State Aid		35,119,383		32,874,533		-		-		35,119,383		32,874,533
Miscellaneous		383,973		166,730		-		-		383,973		166,730
Transfers		(189,426)		-		189,426		-		-		-
Total general Revenues		39,336,738		37,085,139		189,426		-		39,526,164		37,085,139
Total Revenues		51,757,787		47,123,018		1,578,621		1,466,303		53,336,408		48,589,321
Expenses:		10 (21 (16		1 6 0 7 2 6 7 5						10 (21 (16		16.072.675
Instructions		18,621,616		16,973,675		-		-		18,621,616		16,973,675
Administrative &		-		-		-		-		-		-
Support Services		32,846,690		31,339,840		-		-		32,846,690		31,339,840
Unallocated Depreciation		1,319,136		760,744		-		-		1,319,136		760,744
Unallocated Amortization		2,764,368		-		-		-		2,764,368		-
Food and after care Service				-	1,602,952			1,416,513	1,602,952			
<u> </u>				49,074,259		1,602,952		1,416,513		57,154,762		50,490,772
Change in Net Position	\$	(3,794,023)	\$	(1,951,241)	\$	(24,331)	\$	49,790	\$	(3,818,354)	\$	(1,901,451)

#### **Governmental Activities**

The Statement of Activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services and operating grants and contributions offsetting those services. The table below, for government activities, indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services. It identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted state entitlements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

#### **Governmental Activities - continued**

	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Instruction	\$ 18,621,616	\$ 13,142,531
Administrative & Support Services	32,846,690	29,541,247
Capital Outlay & unallocated depreciation and amortization	4,083,504	446,983
Total Expenses	\$ 55,551,810	\$ 43,130,761

# **Business-Type Activity**

The business-type activity of the Charter School consists of the food service operation. The food program had revenues of \$1,389,195 and operating expenses of \$1,602,952 for fiscal year 2023. The programs had a current year deficit of \$213,757 which was funded by a transfer of \$189,426 from the General Fund. The Charter School intended to have food services be self-operating without assistance from the General Fund.

#### The Charter School's Funds

The Charter School's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had revenues of \$51,947,213 and expenditures of \$56,373,837. There was a net negative change in fund balance of \$4,616,050 which was adequately covered by the prior years' accumulated surplus of \$14,240,215.

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

During the course of fiscal 2023, the Charter School amended its General Fund budget as needed. The Charter School uses state-aid and other revenue-based budget. The budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total budget, but provide flexibility for Charter School's management teams.

For the General Fund, final budgeted revenues were \$35,023,037, which included a local tax levy of \$4,022,808. Expenditures were budgeted at \$44,282,068 (including \$189,426 transfer to cover food program deficit). The Charter School anticipated budgeted fund balance of \$4,981,184 in its 2022-2023 budget year. Actual revenues were \$39,526,164 and actual expenditures were \$44,142,214 (including \$189,426 transfer to cover food program deficit). Net fund balance was \$9,624,165.

# Management's Discussion and Analysis Year Ended June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

The State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$627,423 during the year ended June 30, 2023 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members. The State also paid \$4,294,508 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the Pension System Contributions, Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and Long-Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions. These unbudgeted amounts were included in both revenues and expenditures.

# **Capital Assets**

At the end of year 2023, the Charter School had \$8,083,690 funds invested in capital assets in its governmental activities. The Charter School's 2023-2024 budget projects spending approximately \$1,500,000 for capital projects.

# Long-term debt

The Charter School had \$13,034,779 and \$9,250,722 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, in net pension liability regarding the Public Employees Retirement System. More detailed information about the Charter School's long-term obligations is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

# **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The State of New Jersey and indeed the entire United States continue to face serious budgetary constraints and a result of the sharp downturn in the economy. These impact the amount of state and federal aids allocated to charter schools. This reality was taken into account when adopting the general fund budget for 2023-2024. Nothing was done to compromise the quality of the programs in place in our Charter School during the regular instructional day. The budget was prepared to ensure that all students have the textbooks, materials, supplies, equipment and programs they need to meet New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards. The budget was adopted with a redirection of funds to maintain the quality of the regular school day.

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#### COVID-19

In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in Wuhan, China and has since spread to other countries, including the U.S. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. In addition, as of March 21, 2020, New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy ordered the closure of the physical location of every "non-life sustaining" and "non-essential" business for what may be an extended period of time. The Charter School had to close its physical locations. Future potential impacts may include continued disruptions or restrictions on its employees' ability to work and impairment of its ability to obtain grants and contributions. Though the impact on the Charter School's operations cannot be reasonably estimated at this date, it is likely that there will be an impact on certain revenue in the General Fund and other state aid and the local tax levy. Nonetheless, the degree of any future impact to the Charter School's operations and finances is difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and any additional actions that may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

To date, the overall finances and operations of the Charter School have not been materially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Contacting the Charter School's Financial Management

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

GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL

Network Office 909 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey 07102 Tel: 862-256-0909 **Basic Financial Statements** 

# **Government-wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements provide a financial overview of the Charter School's operations. These financial statements present the financial position and operating results of all governmental activities and business-type activities as of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2023.

#### **Statement of Net Postion**

#### June 30, 2023

	(	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,295,208	\$	36,580	\$	7,331,788
Restricted cash		75,000		-		75,000
Accounts receivable		1,581,570		225,771		1,807,341
Other current assets		1,912,826		-		1,912,826
Interfund receivables		197,537		(197,537)		_
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation of \$5,163,205)		8,083,690		-		8,083,690
Right-to-use lease asset (net of accumulated anortization of \$13,991,609)		37,452,057		-		37,452,057
Total assets		56,597,888		64,814		56,662,702
Deferred outflows of resources Pension deferred outflows		4,514,016				4,514,016
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	61,111,904	\$	64,814	\$	61,176,718
Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	209,534	\$		\$	209,534
Other liabilities	Ф	92,402	Ф	-	Ф	92,402
Interfund payable		92,402		-		92,402
Deferred revenue		1,136,040		-		1,136,040
Net pension liability		13,034,779		-		13,034,779
Lease liabilities		40,624,665		-		40,624,665
Total liabilities		55,097,420				55,097,420
		33,077,120				33,077,120
Deferred inflows of resources						
Pension deferred inflows		2,590,297				2,590,297
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources		57,687,717		-		57,687,717
Net position						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		8,083,690		-		8,083,690
Invested in leased assets, net of related debt		(3,172,608)		-		(3,172,608)
Restricted - escrow account		75,000		-		75,000
Unrestricted, undesignated		(1,561,895)		64,814		(1,497,081)
Total net position		3,424,187		64,814		3,489,001
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources & net position	\$	61,111,904	\$	64,814	\$	61,176,718

See independent auditor's report and accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

#### **Statement of Activities**

# Year ended June 30, 2023

Expenses   Services   Charges for Services   Charges for Grants and Contributions   Contrib					Progran	n Re	venues	Net (Expense Changes in		
Regular	Functions/Programs	Expenses				Grants and			V A	Totals
Regular	Covernmental activities									
Administrative & Support services:   General administration										
Administrative & Support services:   General administration	Regular	\$	18,621,616	\$	_	\$	5,479,085	\$ (13,142,531)	\$ -	\$ (13,142,531)
Ceneral administration   15,834,254   -   -   (15,834,254)   -   (15,834,254)   Support services   17,012,436   -   3,305,443   (13,706,993)   -   (13,706,993)   Capital outlay   -   -   -   3,636,521   3,636,521   -   3,636,521   Unallocated depreciation   1,319,136   -   -   (1,319,136)   -   (1,319,136)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   -   -   -   (2,764,368)   -   (2,764,368)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   -   -   -   (2,764,368)   -   (2,764,368)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   -   -   -   (2,764,368)   -   (2,764,368)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   -   -   -   (2,764,368)   -   (2,764,368)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   -   -   (2,764,368)   -   (2,764,368)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   -   -   (2,764,368)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368   -   (2,764,368)   Cunallocated amortization   2,764,368			, ,		_		-	-	-	-
Capital outlay         -         -         3,636,521         3,636,521         -         3,636,521           Unallocated depreciation         1,319,136         -         -         (1,319,136)         -         (1,319,136)         -         (1,319,136)         -         (1,319,136)         -         (1,319,136)         -         (1,319,136)         -         (2,764,368)         -         -         (2,764,368)         -         -         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)			15,834,254		-		-	(15,834,254)	-	(15,834,254)
Unallocated depreciation         1,319,136         -         -         (1,319,136)         -         (1,319,136)           Unallocated amortization         2,764,368         -         -         (2,764,368)         -         (2,764,368)           Total governmental activities         55,551,810         -         12,421,049         (43,130,761)         -         (43,130,761)           Business-type activities:           Food service and after care services         1,602,952         -         1,389,195         -         (213,757)         (213,757)           Total primary government         \$57,154,762         \$         -         \$13,810,244         (43,130,761)         (213,757)         (213,757)           Ceneral revenues, transfers and special items:           Local sources         4,022,808         -         4,022,808           State sources         35,074,910         -         35,074,910           Federal sources         44,473         44,473           Miscellaneous         383,973         -         383,973           Transfers         (189,426)         189,426         -           Total general revenues, transfers and special items         39,336,738         189,426         39,526,164	Support services		17,012,436		-		3,305,443	(13,706,993)	-	(13,706,993)
Unallocated amortization         2,764,368         -         -         (2,764,368)         -         (2,764,368)           Total governmental activities         55,551,810         -         12,421,049         (43,130,761)         -         (43,130,761)           Business-type activities:           Food service and after care services         1,602,952         -         1,389,195         -         (213,757)         (213,757)           Total business-type activities         1,602,952         -         1,389,195         -         (213,757)         (213,757)         (213,757)           Total primary government         \$ 57,154,762         \$         -         \$ 13,810,244         (43,130,761)         (213,757)	Capital outlay		-		-		3,636,521	3,636,521	-	3,636,521
Total governmental activities			1,319,136		-		-	(1,319,136)	-	(1,319,136)
Page					_		-			
Total business-type activities	Total governmental activities		55,551,810				12,421,049	(43,130,761)		(43,130,761)
Total business-type activities Total primary government    1,602,952	Business-type activities:									_
Total primary government \$\frac{\$57,154,762}{\$57,154,762} \$\$-\$	Food service and after care services		1,602,952		-		1,389,195	-	(213,757)	(213,757)
General revenues, transfers and special items:           Local sources         4,022,808         - 4,022,808           State sources         35,074,910         - 35,074,910           Federal sources         44,473         44,473           Miscellaneous         383,973         - 383,973           Transfers         (189,426)         189,426         -           Total general revenues, transfers and special items         39,336,738         189,426         39,526,164           Change in net position         (3,794,023)         (24,331)         (3,818,354)           Net position - beginning         7,218,210         89,145         7,307,355	Total business-type activities		1,602,952		-			_		
Local sources       4,022,808       -       4,022,808         State sources       35,074,910       -       35,074,910         Federal sources       44,473       44,473         Miscellaneous       383,973       -       383,973         Transfers       (189,426)       189,426       -         Total general revenues, transfers and special items       39,336,738       189,426       39,526,164         Change in net position       (3,794,023)       (24,331)       (3,818,354)         Net position - beginning       7,218,210       89,145       7,307,355	Total primary government	\$	57,154,762	\$	-	\$	13,810,244	(43,130,761)	(213,757)	(43,344,518)
State sources       35,074,910       -       35,074,910         Federal sources       44,473       44,473         Miscellaneous       383,973       -       383,973         Transfers       (189,426)       189,426       -         Total general revenues, transfers and special items       39,336,738       189,426       39,526,164         Change in net position       (3,794,023)       (24,331)       (3,818,354)         Net position - beginning       7,218,210       89,145       7,307,355		Gei	neral revenues,	transfe	rs and sp	ecial	items:			
Federal sources       44,473       44,473         Miscellaneous       383,973       - 383,973         Transfers       (189,426)       189,426       - 2         Total general revenues, transfers and special items       39,336,738       189,426       39,526,164         Change in net position       (3,794,023)       (24,331)       (3,818,354)         Net position - beginning       7,218,210       89,145       7,307,355		L	ocal sources		-			4,022,808	-	4,022,808
Miscellaneous       383,973       -       383,973         Transfers       (189,426)       189,426       -         Total general revenues, transfers and special items       39,336,738       189,426       39,526,164         Change in net position       (3,794,023)       (24,331)       (3,818,354)         Net position - beginning       7,218,210       89,145       7,307,355		St	tate sources					35,074,910	-	35,074,910
Transfers       (189,426)       189,426       -         Total general revenues, transfers and special items       39,336,738       189,426       39,526,164         Change in net position       (3,794,023)       (24,331)       (3,818,354)         Net position - beginning       7,218,210       89,145       7,307,355		Fe	ederal sources					44,473		44,473
Total general revenues, transfers and special items       39,336,738       189,426       39,526,164         Change in net position       (3,794,023)       (24,331)       (3,818,354)         Net position - beginning       7,218,210       89,145       7,307,355		M	Iiscellaneous						-	383,973
Change in net position       (3,794,023)       (24,331)       (3,818,354)         Net position - beginning       7,218,210       89,145       7,307,355										
Net position - beginning 7,218,210 89,145 7,307,355		T	-			nd sp	ecial items			
			Change in	net pos	ition			(3,794,023)	(24,331)	(3,818,354)
		Net	position - begin	ning				7,218,210	89,145	7,307,355
		Net	position - endin	g				\$ 3,424,187	\$ 64,814	\$ 3,489,001

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**Funds Financial Statements** 

**Governmental Funds** 

## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Governmental Funds

#### **Balance Sheet**

June 30, 2023

		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund	G	Totals overnmental Funds
Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,577,384	\$	717,824	\$	7,295,208
Restricted cash - escrow		75,000				75,000
Accounts receivable: State		- 78,444		72,924		151,368
Federal		-		345,292		345,292
Other		1,084,910		-		1,084,910
Other current assets		1,912,826		-		1,912,826
Interfund receivable Total assets	\$	9,926,101	\$	1,136,040	\$	197,537 11,062,141
Total assets	Ψ	7,720,101	Ψ	1,130,040	<u> </u>	11,002,141
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Interfund payables	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Accounts payables	-	209,534		-	*	209,534
Intergovernmental payables - state		-		-		-
Intergovernmental payables - other		69,378		-		69,378
Payroll deductions and withholdings Deferred revenue		23,024		1,136,040		23,024 1,136,040
Total liabilities	_	301,936		1,136,040		1,437,976
Fund balances:						
Unreserved:						-
Undesignated		9,624,165				9,624,165
Total fund balances Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	9,624,165	\$	1,136,040		9,624,165
Town Machines and Tana Calances	Ψ	7,720,101		1,130,010		
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:						
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not						
financial resources and therefore are not reported in						
the funds.	•	12.246.005				
Cost of capital assets Accumulated depreciation	\$	13,246,895 (5,163,205)				
	\$	8,083,690				8,083,690
Long-term liabilities, including capital leases and						
compensated absences are not due and payable						
in the current period and therefore are not						
reported as liabilities in the funds.						
12th Street Properties - LISC Loan payable						-
Deferred Outflows related to pension contributions subse						
to the Net Pension Liablity measurement date and other d						
items are not current financial resources and therefore are reported in the fund statements. (See Note 7)	not					4,514,016
						4,514,010
Deferred Inflows related to pension actuarial gains from e	î.	e				
and differences in actual return and assumed returns and of deferred items are not reported as liabilities in the fund sta						
(See Note 7)						(2,590,297)
Long-term liabilities, including Net Pension Liability, are	not due					
and payable in the current period and therefore are not rep	orted as					
liabilties in the funds (see Note 7)						(13,034,779)
Right-to-use assets used in governmental activities are no		al				
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds (see		51 442 555				
Cost of right-to-use assets	\$	51,443,666				
Accumulated amortization  Cost of right-to-use assets, net of accumulated amortization	on \$	(13,991,609)				37,452,057
cost of fight-to-use assets, not of accumulated diffortization	Ψ	21,132,031				51,152,051
Lease liabilities used in governmental activities are not fin	nancial					
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds (see	Note 5).					(40,624,665)
Net position of governmental activities - A-1					\$	3,424,187
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#### GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Governmental Funds

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Year ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
Revenues:			
Local sources:			
Local tax levy	\$ 4,022,808	\$ -	\$ 4,022,808
Miscellaneous	383,973	2,293,188	2,677,161
Total revenues - local sources	4,406,781	2,293,188	6,699,969
Federal sources	44,473	8,878,849	8,923,322
State sources	30,152,979	1,249,012	31,401,991
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	627,423	-	627,423
TPAF pension and post retirement medical and long-term disability	-	-	-
premium benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	4,294,508		4,294,508
Total revenues	39,526,164	12,421,049	51,947,213
Current expense:			
Instruction	13,142,531	5,479,085	18,621,616
Administrative	12,181,333	-	12,181,333
Support services	13,706,993	3,305,443	17,012,436
Capital outlay	, , , <u>-</u>	3,636,521	3,636,521
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	627,423	-	627,423
TPAF pension and post retirement medical and long-term disability	-	_	· <u>-</u>
premium benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	4,294,508		4,294,508
Total expenditures	43,952,788	12,421,049	56,373,837
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over (under) expenditures	(4,426,624)	-	(4,426,624)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfer Out:			
Transfer to cover food deficit	(189,426)		(189,426)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(189,426)		(189,426)
Net change in fund balances	(4,616,050)	-	(4,616,050)
Fund balances, beginning of year	14,240,215		14,240,215
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 9,624,165	\$ -	\$ 9,624,165

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#### GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL

# Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities Year ended June 30, 2023

#### Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)

\$ (4,616,050)

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expenses in the period. Additionally, in the Statement of Activities gains or (losses) are recognized upon disposition.

Depreciation expense Capital outlays	\$ (1,319,136) 3,636,521 2,317,385
Adoption of GASB 87 resulted in an increase in right-to-use lease assets offset by the current year amortization of the right-to-use assets, allocated over the term of the leases Amortization expense	(2,764,368)
Adoption of GASB 87 resulted in an increase in lease liabilities offset by the current year principal payments on lease liabilities. Principal payments on lease liabilities decrease liabilities in the statement of net position, but are included in the governmental funds as expenses  Principal payments	2,206,590
Pension contributions are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the contributions are adjusted for actuarial valuation adjustments, including service and interest costs, administravtive costs, investment returns, and experience/assumption. This is the amount by which net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows related to pension changed during the period	(937,580)
Change in net position of governmental activities (A-2)	\$ (3,794,023)

**Proprietary Funds** 

## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Proprietary Funds

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## **Statement of Net Postion**

## June 30, 2023

Assets	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,580
Accounts receivable:	-
Federal	35,085
State	1,260
Other	189,426
Interfund receivable	-
Total current assets	262,351
Noncurrent assets:	
	47,000
Machinery and equipment	47,900
Less: accumulated depreciation	(47,900)
Total noncurrent assets	
Total assets	262,351
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	-
Interfund payable	197,537
Total current liabilities	197,537
Not position	
Net position	<i>(1</i> 01 <i>1</i>
Unresricted Testal net resition	64,814
Total net position	\$ 64,814

## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Proprietary Funds

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position

## Year ended June 30, 2023

Operating revenues: Charges for services: Daily sales - reimbursable programs Daily sales - nonreimbursable programs Miscellaneous revenue Total operating revenues	\$ - - - -
Operating expenses:  Cost of sales - reimbursable programs Cost of sales - nonreimbursable programs Salaries Pruchased services Other purchased services Supplies and materials Contracted services - transporttion Cleaning, repairs and maintenance Rental of land and building Depreciation expense Miscellaneous expenses Total operating expenses	1,602,952
Operating income (loss)	(1,602,952)
Nonoperating revenues: State sources: State School Lunch Program State Breakfast Program Federal sources: National School Lunch Program National School Breakfast Program Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act After School Snacks School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program Total nonoperating revenues	21,648 20,219 - 821,842 362,104 18,969 41,747 102,666 1,389,195
Net income/(loss) before contributions & transfers	(213,757)
Other financing sources: Transfer in/(out) - board contribution	189,426 189,426
Change in net position	(24,331)
Total net position-beginning of year	89,145
Total net position-end of year	\$ 64,814

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## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Proprietary Fund

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

## Year ended June 30, 2023

Cash flows from operating activities	
Operating loss	\$(1,602,952)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash	
provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:	- -
Accounts receivable	(158,569)
Accounts payable	-
Due to/from general fund	1_
Net cash provided by operating activities	(158,568)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Cash received from state reimbursements	41,867
Cash received from federal reimbursements	1,347,328
Operating subsidies and transfers from other funds	189,426
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	1,578,621
Cash flows from investing activities	-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(182,899)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	219,479
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$ 36,580

Fiduciary Funds Not Applicable **Notes to Basic Financial Statements** 

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## 1 Description of the Charter School and Reporting Entity

Great Oaks Legacy Charter School (the "Charter School") was incorporated in the State of New Jersey on April 7, 2011 as a non-for-profit corporation for the purpose of operating and maintaining a public school under a charter granted by the State of New Jersey, which promotes comprehensive educational reform by infusing innovation into the public education system. It is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an education institution. The Charter School's Board of Trustees (the Board) is responsible for the fiscal control of the Charter School. A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is appointed by Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the Charter School. Under the existing statutes, the Charter School's duties and powers include, but not limited to the development and adoption of a school program; the establishment, organization and operation of schools; and the acquisition, maintenance and disposition of school property.

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

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, and ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds of the Charter School over which the Board exercises operating control. Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Charter School has no component units to be included in the reporting entity. Further, the Charter School is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

The Great Oaks Legacy Charter School Board of Trustees also has broad financial responsibilities, including the approval of the annual budget and the establishment of a system of accounting and budgetary controls.

Its mission is to establish a character school to serve as a neighborhood resource and as a model for other similar schools. The Great Oaks Legacy Charter School is committed to achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and producing high academic achievement by all students. The Charter School will integrate a holistic curriculum, utilize learner center techniques, family and care giver centered approaches, comprehensive community involvement, cutting edge technology and an intimate nurturing environment that will enhance positive self-images.

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

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

#### **A** Basis of Presentation

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

#### **Charter School Government-wide Financial Statements**

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

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

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

The governmental activities generally are financed through federal and state awards, taxes and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements of the Charter School are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditure/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Charter School. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requires that all funds be reported as major, as it is considered important for public interest and to promote consistency among Charter Schools financial reporting in the State of New Jersey.

## **B** Fund Accounting

The Charter School segregates transactions related to certain Charter School functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Charter School at a more detailed level.

#### **Governmental Funds**

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

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

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

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

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey aid and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of ground, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to current expense by board resolution.

**Special Revenue Fund -** The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Government, (other than major Capital Projects, Debt Service or the Enterprise Funds) and local appropriations that legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds). The financial resources are derived from temporary notes or serial bonds that are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election. As of June 30, 2023, there was no Capital Projects Fund.

#### **Proprietary Funds**

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

Enterprise Funds - The Enterprise Fund is utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the Charter School is that the cost (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods and services to the students on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the Charter School has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriated for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities, whether current or non-current, associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and unreserved retained earnings, if applicable. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenue) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

#### **Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary or trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Charter School in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. This fund category includes:

**Trust Funds** - Expendable Trust Funds (unemployment compensation) are accounted for in essentially the same manner as the governmental funds. The unemployment compensation trust fund is used to account for contributions from employees and the employer (the Charter School) and interest earned on the balance as well as payments to the State for reimbursements of unemployment claims. **Agency Funds** – Agency funds (Payroll, Health Benefits and Student Activity Fund) are used to account for the assets that the Charter School holds on behalf of others as their agent. Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involved measurement of results of operations.

GASB Statement No 84 Fiduciary Activities – As of June 30, 2023, there was no Fiduciary Fund. This is due to the adoption of GASB Statement 84, Fiduciary Activities during the previous fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

## C Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

#### **Measurement Focus**

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

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

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

## **Basis of Accounting**

In the government wide statement of net position and statements of activities, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability, resulting from exchange and exchange like transactions, is incurred (i. e the exchange takes place).

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund and agency funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determine and "available" means collectible with the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. State equalization monies are recognized as revenue during the period in which they are appropriated. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental funds revenues.

## D Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general and special revenue fund. The budgets are submitted to the County Office and the Education Commissioner for approval. Budgets except for the special revenue fund which is prepared using a non-GAAP budgetary basis, are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by Charter School Board resolution at any time during the fiscal year subject to the limitation of P.L. 2004 c73 (S1701). The Board of Trustees did not make any material supplemental budgetary appropriations during the fiscal year.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds, there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception of the Special Revenue Fund as noted below.

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental funds types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

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

## E Cash, Cash Equivalent and Investments

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

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

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

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

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### F Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

On the fund financial statement, receivable and payables resulting from short-term (due within one year) interfund loans are classified as interfund Receivable/Payable. interfund balances within governmental activities and within business-type activities are eliminated on the Government Wide Statements of Net Position.

#### **G** Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

Inventories and prepaid expenses, which benefit future periods, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund are recorded as expenditure during the year of purchase. Inventories in the proprietary funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in-first-out (FIFO) method.

### **H** Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture & fixtures and vehicles are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns of the Government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Charter School as assets with initial, individual cost of more than \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or through estimation procedures performed by an independent appraisal company.

The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets lives are not capitalized. Donated capital assets are capitalized at estimated fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by the straight-line method. The following estimated useful lives are used to compute depreciation:

#### **Description of Capital Assets**

**Estimated Lives (Years)** 

Building and improvemens Leasehold improvements Equipment 20 15 or length of lease 3 to 5

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

## I Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are those absences for which employees will be paid, such as vacation, sick leave, and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that are attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on specific event that is outside the control of the Charter School and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on specific event that is outside the control of the Charter School and its employees, are accounted for in the period in winch such services are rendered or in which such events take place. For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is in the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

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

The Charter School had no compensated absences as of June 30, 2023.

#### J Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, the non-current portion of compensated absences and mortgage payable (if any) that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable, available financial resources.

#### K Deferred Revenue

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

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### L Fund Balance and Equity

In February 2009, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions ("GASB 54"). GASB 54 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2011 and establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. Under GASB 54, fund balances in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting and classified into the following five categories, as defined below:

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

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

#### M Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities in the Government-wide financial statements. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position are reported as restricted in the Government-wide financial statements when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### N Management Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the recorded amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## O On-Behalf Payments

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

#### P GASB Pronouncements

#### **Adoption of New Accounting Standards**

During the previous fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Charter School adopted **GASB Statement No. 84,** *Fiduciary Activities (GASB 84)*. GASB 84 enhances the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. Specifically, GASB 84 establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. As part of the adoption, the Charter School no longer considers activities in the Unemployment Fund Account, Payroll Agency Fund and Student Activities as fiduciary activities applicable under GASB 84. As a result, the Charter School no longer presents a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, and records payroll deductions and withholding payable, unemployment activities in the General Fund in the Governmental Fund financial statements.

The Charter School adopted **GASB issued Statement No. 87**, *Leases* during the prior year ended June 30, 2022. This Statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for leases by lessees and lessors.

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## 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

#### **Q** Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Charter School follows the accounting and disclosure standards pertaining to GASB 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, for qualifying assets and liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that the Charter School would receive upon selling an asset or pay to settle a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

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

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

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

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

Level 3 – inputs that are unobservable and which require significant judgement or estimation.

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

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#### 3 Deposits and Investments

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

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

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

The Charter School's cash and cash equivalents are classified below to inform financial statement users about the extent to which the Charter School's deposits and investments are exposed to custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2023, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits and investments are as follows:

	General Fund	_	Special Revenue		nterprise Funds	Agency Funds		Total		
Operating A/C Restricted Escrow	\$ 6,577,384 75,000	5	717,824	\$	36,580	\$	-	\$	7,331,788 75,000	
Total	\$ 6,652,384	5	5 717,824	\$	36,580	\$	-	\$	7,406,788	

Operating cash accounts are held in the Charter School's name by one banking institution. At June 30, 2023, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits was \$7,406,788 and the bank balance was \$8,196,783. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 of the Charter School's cash deposits on June 30, 2023 were secured by federal deposit insurance and \$7,946,783 was covered by a collateral pool maintained by the bank as required by New Jersey statutes in accordance with the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA").

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## 3 Deposits and Investments - continued

#### **Establishment of an Escrow Account**

During the previous year ended June 30, 2021, the Charter School established and funded an Escrow Account pursuant to an agreement signed with the New Jersey Department of Education. The required maximum of \$75,000 was fully funded. The agreement stipulates that the intended use of the escrow amount is "to pay for legal and audit expenses and any other outstanding pension benefits that would be associated with a dissolution should it occur."

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

Category 1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Charter School or by its agent in the Charter School's name. Category 2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository's trust department or agent in the Charter School's name. Category 3 - Uncollateralized, including any deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Charter School's name.

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

#### **Investments**

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

- 1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- 2. Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal national Mortgage Agency or of any United States Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than twelve months from the date of purchase.
- 3. Bonds or other obligations of the Charter School.
- 4. New Jersey Cash Management Fund, New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund and MBIA CLASS.

As of June 30, 2023, the Charter School did not hold any investments.

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## 4 Capital Assets and Right-of-Use Lease Assets

The following schedule is a summarization of the governmental activities changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2023:

Governmental activities:	Seginning Balance	t Additions Deletions)	Ending Balance		
Capital assets, not being drepreciated:					
Vacant land	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$	200,000	
Land for 13 Crawford Street	200,000	-		200,000	
12th Street Properties	-			-	
- Land Acquisition/ Construction-In-Progress	-	_		_	
Construction-In-Progress - HVAC	3,025,065	_		3,025,065	
G	3,425,065	-		3,425,065	
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	1,319,469	_		1,319,469	
Leasehold improvements	4,457,261	3,636,521		8,093,782	
Equipment	408,581	_		408,581	
	6,185,311	3,636,521		9,821,832	
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	197,919	65,973		263,892	
Leasehold improvements	3,237,570	1,253,163		4,490,733	
Equipment	408,582	-		408,582	
Total accumulated depreciation	3,844,071	1,319,136		5,163,207	
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 5,766,305	\$ 2,317,385	\$	8,083,690	
<b>Business-type activities:</b>					
Equipment	\$ 47,900	\$ -	\$	47,900	
Less accumulated depreciation	 (47,900)	 -		(47,900)	
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 	\$ 	\$		

Depreciation expense of \$1,319,136 was charged to an unallocated function.

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## 4 Capital Assets and Right-of-Use Lease Assets - continued

Changes in right-of-use lease assets are as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

Governmental Activities		Beginning Balance une 30, 2022	No	et Additions	Ending Balance June 30, 2023		
Right-of-use lease assets							
Premises	\$	35,507,861	\$	15,600,329	\$	51,108,190	
Equipment		335,476		-		335,476	
Total cost		35,843,337		15,600,329		51,443,666	
Less - accumulated amortization							
Premises		10,972,716		2,683,417		13,656,133	
Equipment		254,524		80,952		335,476	
Total accumulated amortization		11,227,240		2,764,369		13,991,609	
Right-of-use lease assets - net	\$	24,616,097	\$	12,835,960	\$	37,452,057	

## **5** Lease Obligations

#### **Lease Agreements – Implementation of GASB 87**

Lease Liabilities	Outstanding Balance one 30, 2022	Acquired Current Year	Retired Current Year	Ju	Ending Balance ine 30, 2023
Facilities lease liabilities	\$ 27,140,679	\$ 15,600,329	\$ (2,116,343)	\$	40,624,665
Equipment lease liabilities	90,246	-	 (90,246)		-
Total lease liabilities	\$ 27,230,925	\$ 15,600,329	\$ (2,206,589)		40,624,665
Current portion					2,224,619
Non-current portion					38,400,046
Total lease liabilities				\$	40,624,665

The Charter School leases its premises and equipment under the terms of several non-cancelable leases. Certain leases are automatically renewed upon the charter renewal and can be extended through various dates through June 30, 2051.

The leases required aggregate monthly cash payments of approximately \$4,015,768 during the year ended June 30, 2023. Interest expense on the leases was \$2,091,451 for the year ended June 30, 2023 which is reflected as lease interest expense on the accompanying budgetary comparison schedule – general fund (exhibit C-1).

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## 5 Lease Obligations - continued

## Lease Agreements - Implementation of GASB 87 - continued

The net value of the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities was \$37,452,057 and \$40,624,665, respectively as of June 30, 2023 which was calculated using a discount rate of 5% (the Charter School's estimated incremental borrowing rate). Amortization of the related right-of-use lease assets was \$2,764,368 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Future minimum payments under these agreements and future amortization are as follows:

Year ending					
<b>June 30:</b>	Principal	Interest	Amortization		
2024	\$ 2,224,619	\$	1,980,712	\$ 2,683,417	
2025	2,338,435		1,866,896	2,683,417	
2026	2,458,074		1,747,257	2,683,417	
2027	2,583,833		1,621,497	2,683,417	
2028	1,629,768		1,513,973	2,683,417	
Thereafter	29,389,936		15,531,141	24,034,972	
	\$ 40,624,665	\$	24,261,476	\$ 37,452,057	

#### **Description of Lease Terms**

#### **Facilities Leases**

The Charter School leases its facilities under these operating lease agreements:

#### **Classroom and Administrative Offices**

- 1) At the beginning of the school year 2013-2014, the Charter School entered a lease agreement for 24 Maiden Lane, Newark, New Jersey an 18,935 square foot space for the middle school. It is a twenty (20) year lease with annual increases. The amount paid under this lease for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$540,554.
- 2) 17-19 Crawford Street, Newark, New Jersey for the high school a 28,000 square foot space for the high school executed on December 22, 2015. It was a thirty-one (31) year lease through June 30, 2046 with annual increases. The lease terms include a purchase option which could be exercised by the tenant seven years after the lease execution date but no later than the tenth year. The purchase option was exercised on March 2, 2023 by a related party of the Charter School Little Acorn. The Charter School signed a new lease with Little Acorn for 30 years through February 28, 2053 at a monthly rent of \$31,366 or \$376,392 annually. The amount paid under this lease for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$396,992.

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## 5 **Lease Obligations** – *continued*

**Description of Lease Terms** - continued

Facilities Leases - continued

- 3) 823 S. 16th Street, Newark, New Jersey an operating lease with Newark Public School for its' school building located at 823 S. 16th Street, Newark, New Jersey. It is a five-year lease from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. It could be automatically renewed for a total of three (3) renewal periods of five (5) years each, subject to the condition that the School's charter has not been denied, revoked or suspended. The amount paid under this lease for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$293,455.
- 4) 909 Broad Street an operating sublease with the Friends of TEAM Academy. It was a five-year lease from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 where the school increases its occupied portion of the building each year for the first 3 years. The building was purchased by a related party of the Charter School Little Acorn on March 2, 2023. The Charter School executed a new lease with Little Acorn for 30 years at a monthly rent of \$77,277 or \$927,324 annually. The amount paid under the lease for the year end June 30, 2023 was \$766,333.
- 5) Employee Parking Spaces 390-424 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey a month-to-month operating lease for 30 parking spots made available for the benefit of employees. It commenced on April 1, 2016 at a monthly payment of \$1,800. The amount paid under the lease for the year end June 30, 2023 was \$21,260.
- **6**) Employee Parking Spaces J&L Parking Corporation lease a month-to-month operating lease for 25 parking spots made available for the benefit of employees. It commenced in March 2021 at a monthly payment of \$2,500. The amount paid under the lease for the year end June 30, 2023 was \$20,000.
- 7) Employee Parking Spaces St. Antoninus Catholic Church lease a month-to-month operating lease for several parking spots made available for the benefit of employees. The amount paid under the lease for the year end June 30, 2023 was \$22,000.

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## 5 **Lease Obligations** – *continued*

## **Description of Lease Terms** - continued

Facilities Leases - continued

- 8) 308 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Newark, New Jersey during the prior fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Charter School entered into a lease agreement with Chad School Foundation for the building at 308 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Newark, New Jersey. The building is intended to be the permanent home of the Fairmount Heights Elementary School. The building was initially set to be delivered in July 2020. However, the lease called for substantial upgrades (HVAC, new electrical service, new walls, ceilings in all classrooms, renovated bathrooms and environmental remediation). Therefore, the Charter School and Chad School Foundation mutually agreed to delay the commencement to the 2021-2022 school year. The lease was amended accordingly to include repair credits spread over several years (as delineated in the lease terms). The amount paid under the lease for the year end June 30, 2023 was \$532,776.
- 9) <u>Tutor Leases</u> As part of its student college preparation model, Great Oaks Foundation (the "Foundation") (a related party of the Charter School) hires new college graduates on a full-time basis (just for one year at a time). Part of the incentives for the tutors to work for one year is the provision of accommodation paid for by the Foundation. The Foundation currently has a lease for several units with a safe and secure apartment building in Newark, New Jersey for the use of the tutors. The Foundation bills the Charter School for the amount of rent paid. The amount paid to the Foundation for tutor leases for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$605,805.

Future minimum lease payments required under the operating leases are as follows:

Year Ending June 30:	24 Maiden Lane	17-19 Crawford Street		Newark Public School Lease		90	09 Broad Street	_	08 South	Total
2024	\$ 421,524	\$	376,392	\$	279,984	\$	927,324	\$	386,120	\$ 2,391,344
2025	429,948		376,392		286,992		927,324		404,454	2,425,110
2026	438,552		376,392		294,168		927,324		423,337	2,459,773
2027	447,324		376,392		301,524		927,324		442,787	2,495,351
2028	456,984		376,392		309,060		927,324		562,821	2,632,581
Thereafter	2,421,948		9,315,702		316,788	2	2,951,269		5,799,826	40,805,533
	\$ 4,616,280	\$ 1	1,197,662	\$	1,788,516	\$2	7,587,889	\$ 8	3,019,345	\$ 53,209,692

**Equipment Leases -** The Charter School leases office equipment under several operating lease agreements with approximate \$9,387 monthly payments or \$112,643 annual payments. The lease term is approximately 48 months through June 30, 2023.

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#### **6** Pension Plans

#### **Description of Plans**

Substantially all of the employees of the Charter School are covered by either the Public Employee's Retirement System or the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (both of which are contributory defined benefits plans). Both were established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefit (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate.

The 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 for TPAF and PERS. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

## Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established in January 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full time public school employees in the State. Membership is mandatory for such employees and vesting occurs after 10 years of service for pension benefits and 25 years for health care coverage. Age eligibility and benefit provisions were affected by Chapters 92 and 103, P.L. 2007, Chapter 89, P.L. 2008, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, and Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. Members are classified into one of five tiers dependent upon the date of their enrollment. Tier 1, 2 and 3 members are eligible to retire at age 60, 60, and 62, respectively, with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/55th of the average annual compensation for the highest three fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Tier 4 and 5 members are eligible to retire at age 62 and 65, respectively, with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/60th of the average annual compensation for the highest five fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Anyone who retires early and is under their respective tier's retirement age receives retirement benefits as calculated in the formulas mentioned above, but at a reduced rate in accordance with applicable New Jersey Statute based upon their tier.

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#### **6** Pension Plans - continued

## **Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**

The Public Employees' Retirement System was established in January 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school Board or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Age eligibility and benefit provisions were affected by Chapters 92 and 103, P.L. 2007, Chapter 89, P.L. 2008, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, and Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. Members are classified into one of five tiers dependent upon the date of their enrollment. Tier 1, 2 and 3 members are eligible to retire at age 60, 60, and 62, respectively with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/55th of the average annual compensation for the highest three fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Tier 4 and 5 members are eligible to retire at age 62 and 65, respectively with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/60th of the average annual compensation for the highest five fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Anyone who retires early and is under their respective tier's retirement age receives retirement benefits as calculated in the formulas mentioned above, but at a reduced rate in accordance with applicable New Jersey Statute based upon their tier.

#### **Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)**

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

#### **Funding Policy**

The contribution policy is set by New Jersey State Statutes and contributions are required by active members and contributing members. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. Under the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, employee contribution rates for TPAF and PERS increased to 7.5% of employees' annual compensation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in both the TPAF and PERS. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for noncontributory death benefits and post-retirement medical premiums. Under current statute the Board is a non-contributing employer of the TPAF.

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#### **6 Pension Plans** - continued

## **Annual Pension Costs (APC)**

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

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

The Charter School's contribution to PERS for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$1,089,197.

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$627,423 during the year ended June 30, 2023 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries. The State also paid \$4,294,508 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the TPAF Pension System Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions for the Charter School. These amounts have been included in the school wide financial statements and the fund financial statements as a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 24.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures

## Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

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

The employer contributions for the Charter School are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:66-33. Therefore, the Charter School (employer) is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the Charter School. However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School was \$40,983,337 as measured on June 30, 2022 and \$34,971,669 as measured on June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$1,102,976 and revenue of \$1,102,976 for support provided by the State. The measurement period for the pension expense and revenue reported in the Charter School's financial statements (A-2) at June 30, 2023 is based upon changes in the collective net pension liability with a measurement period of June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Accordingly, the pension expense and the related revenue associated with the support provided by the State are based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - continued

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

	Ju	ne 30, 2022	<u>Ju</u>	me 30, 2021
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 4	1,885,289,911	\$ (	5,230,825,389
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$19,563,805,393		\$27,221,092,460	
Collective net pension liability (non-employer				
State of New Jersey)	\$51	,594,415,806	\$48	8,075,188,642
State's portion of the net pension liability that was				
associated with the Charter School	\$	40,983,337	\$	34,971,669
State's portion of the net pension liability that was				
associated with the Charter School as a				
percentage of the collective net pension liability		0.079434%		0.072744%

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, 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%
Inflation rate - wage	3.25%
Salary increases: thereafter	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.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

## Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - continued

## Actuarial Assumptions - continued

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, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022.

## Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - continued

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

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - continued

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - continued

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
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

The discount rate used to measure the State's total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. 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 based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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## 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - continued

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

Since the Charter School's has no proportionate share of the net pension liability because of the special funding situation, the Charter School would not be sensitive to any changes in the discount rate. Detailed information about the pension plan's sensitivity of the collective net pension liability to changes in the discount rate is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <a href="https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/documents/financial/gasb/gasb68-tpaf22.pdf">https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/documents/financial/gasb/gasb68-tpaf22.pdf</a>

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### **Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported a liability of \$13,034,779 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability 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 total pension liability for the June 30, 2021 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021. At June 30, 2022, the Charter School's proportion was 0.0863723650% which was an increase of 0.0082841291% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021 which was 0.0780882359%

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$1,089,197. At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

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

	Deferred	Deferred
	<b>Outflows of</b>	Inflows of
	Resources	Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 94,079	\$ 82,964
Changes in assumptions	40,386	1,951,822
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		
on pension plan investments	539,498	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Charter		
School's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	3,840,053	555,511
Subtotal	4,514,016	2,590,297
Charter School's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,089,197	
Total	\$ 5,603,213	\$ 2,590,297
Charter School's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,089,197	<u> </u>

\$1,089,197 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ending June 30, 2023, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2022) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Pension
Year Ending June 30:	Expense
2023	\$ 1,580,608
2024	805,267
2025	392,713
2026	(856,751)
2027	1,882
Thereafter	-
	\$ 1,923,719

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

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

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,715,543,211	\$ 1,164,739,169
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$ 4,112,583,758	\$ 8,339,123,762
Collective net pension liability (Non-State		
Local Group)	\$15,091,376,611	\$11,846,499,172
Charter School's portion of the net pension liability	\$ 13,034,779	\$ 9,250,722
Charter School's proportion (percentage)	0.08637237%	0.07808823%

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The collective 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:

Inflation rate - price	2.75%
Inflation rate - wage	3.25%
Salary increases: thereafter	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 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, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

#### 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 rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
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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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) – continued

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. 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 based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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#### 7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued

#### Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued

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

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension 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:

				2022		
	1	% Decrease (6.00%)	Di	Current iscount Rate (7.00%)	19	% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$	16,887,693	\$	13,034,779	\$	9,960,132
				2021		
	1'	% Decrease (6.00%)	Di	Current scount Rate (7.00%)	19	% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the pension liability	\$	12,731,898	\$	9,250,723	\$	6,478,751

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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#### **8** Post Retirement Benefits

#### Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The Charter School is in a "special funding situation", as described in GASB Statement No. 75, in that OPEB contributions and expenses are legally required to be made by and are the sole responsibility of the State of New Jersey, not the Charter School.

The State of New Jersey reports a liability as a result of its statutory requirements to pay other post-employment (health) benefits for the State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Education Plan. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that is 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 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. The State Health Benefits 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 years or more 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 non-employer OPEB liability does not include certain other postemployment benefit obligations that are provided by the local education employers. The reporting of these benefits, if any, is the responsibility of the individual education employers.

#### **Employees Covered by Benefit Terms.**

At June 30, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms: Active plan member = 213,148 Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits = 151,669 Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits = -0-Total plan members = 364,817

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#### **8 Post Retirement Benefits** – *continued*

#### **Total Non-employer OPEB Liability**

The State, a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS and TPAF participants. The Charter School's proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the Charter School did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position. Accordingly, the following OPEB liability note information is reported at the State's level and is not specific to the board of education/board of trustees. Note that actual numbers will be published in the NJ State's ACFR (https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/archives.shtml)

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. The total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021.

#### **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.

**Inflation Rate** 2.50%

	TPAF/ABP	PERS
Salary increases:		
Through 2029	2.75 to 5.65%	2.75 to 6.55%
	based on years	based on years
	of service	of service
Thereafter	2.75 to 5.65%	2.75 to 6.55%
	based on years	based on years
	of service	of service

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#### 8 **Post Retirement Benefits** – continued

#### Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs - continued

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Health "Teachers" (TP AF) and "General" (PERS) classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021. 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-2021. 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-2021 for current disables retirees. Future disabled retirees was based on the Pub-2010 "General" (PERS) and "Teachers" (TPAF) classification headcount weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 3 0, 2021 valuation were based on the results of the TP AF and PERS actuarial experience studies for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. 100% of active members are considered to participate in the plan upon retirement.

#### **Health Care Trend Assumptions**

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.25% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is initially-1.99% in fiscal year 2023, increasing to 13.44% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO the trend is initially -3.54% in fiscal year 2023 increasing to 15.19% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.5% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 8.00% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after eight years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 3.54%. 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.

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#### **8 Post Retirement Benefits** – *continued*

## Changes in the Total OPEB Liability Reported by the State of New Jersey

	Increase/(Decrease) Total OPED Liability		
Balance as of June 30, 2021 measurement date	\$	60,007,650,970	
Changes recognized for the fiscal year:		_	
Service cost	\$	2,770,618,025	
Interest on total OPEB liability		1,342,187,139	
Chamges of benefit terms		-	
Difference between expected and actual experiences		1,399,200,736	
Effect of changes of assumptions		(13,586,368,097)	
Gross benefits paid by the State		(1,329,476,059)	
Contributins from the members		42,650,252	
Net changes	\$	(9,361,188,004)	
Balance as of June 30, 2022 measurement date	\$	50,646,462,966	

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

The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District calculated using the discount rate of 3.54%; as well as what the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District that would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is I-percentage-point lower (2.54 percent) or I-percentage-point higher (4.54 percent) than the current rate:

		2022	
	At 1% Decrease (2.54%)	At 1% Discount Rate (3.54%)	At 1% Increase (4.54%)
Total OPED liability attributable to the Charter School	\$ 14,474,528	\$ 12,314,609	\$ 10,583,542
		2021	
	At 1% Decrease (1.16%)	At 1% Discount Rate (2.16%)	At 1% Increase (3.16%)
Total OPED liability attributable to the Charter School	\$ 18,343,951	\$ 15,314,153	\$ 12,928,369

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#### **8 Post Retirement Benefits** – *continued*

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

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB Liability attributable to the Charter School as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed in this note, as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is I-percentage-point lower or I-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

		2022	
	At 1% Decrease	Healthcare st Trend Rate	At 1% Increase
Total OPED liability attributable to the Charter School	\$ 10,178,777	\$ 12,314,609	\$ 15,120,154
		2021	
	At 1% Decrease	Healthcare st Trend Rate	At 1% Increase
Total OPED liability attributable to the Charter School	\$ 12,396,857	\$ 15,314,153	\$ 19,231,866

# 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 \$4,358,091 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, 2022 the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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#### **8 Post Retirement Benefits** – *continued*

## OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - continued

	Deferred			Deferred	
	<b>Outflows of</b>			Inflows of	
		Resources	Resources		
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$	9,042,402,619	\$	15,462,950,679	
Net difference between expected and actual earnings					
on OPEB plan investments		-		-	
Assumption changes		8,765,620,577		17,237,289,230	
Subtotal		17,808,023,196		32,700,239,909	
Contributions made in fiscal year 2019 after					
June 30, 2018 measurement date		TBD		N/A	
Total	\$	TBD	\$	32,700,239,909	

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

Measurement Period - Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Total
2023	\$ (2,517,151,602)
2024	\$ (2,517,151,602)
2025	\$ (2,517,151,602)
2026	\$ (2,175,449,761)
2027	\$ (1,243,951,140)
Thereafter	\$ (3,921,361,006)
	\$ (14,892,216,713)

#### 9 Compensated Absences

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

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#### 9 Compensated Absences - continued

Charter School employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave in accordance with the Charter School's personnel policy. The Charter School's policy permits employees to accumulate unused sick and personal days and carry forward the full amount to subsequent years. Upon termination or upon retirement, employees are currently not paid for accrued vacation or unused sick and personal days. The Board of the Charter School is currently reviewing the exiting compensated absences policies with the intent of addressing the issues of accumulation and payments upon termination.

As of June 30, 2023, Charter School-wide compensated absences amounted to \$-0-.

#### 10 Deferred Compensation

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

#### 11 Economic Dependency

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

#### 12 Contingent Liabilities

The Charter School participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Charter School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2023, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Charter School believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the Charter School.

The Charter School's attorneys' letters advised the following:

"We advise you they have not been engaged to give substantive attention to, nor represent the Charter School in connection with, any pending or overtly threatened litigation likely to be filed against the Charter School, to which we have devoted substantial attention."

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#### 13 Risk Management

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

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

**New Jersey Unemployment Compensation -** The Charter School has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the "Benefit Reimbursement Method". Under this plan, the Charter School is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund For benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Charter School is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State.

#### 14 Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 197,537	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund	-	-
Enterprise Fund	-	197,537
Trust and Agency Fund		<u>-</u>
	\$ 197,537	\$ 197,537

The above balances are the results of revenues earned or other financing sources received in one fund which are due to another fund and/or expenditures paid by one fund on behalf of another fund and/or to cover cash balances which were in negative position. Liquidation of this interfund balances is expected within the next fiscal year.

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#### 15 Receivables

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

State aid	\$ 152,628
Federal aid	380,377
Other	1,274,336
Total receivables	\$ 1,807,341

#### 16 Subsequent Events

The Charter School has evaluated all subsequent events occurring through the date of the independent auditor's report which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the Charter School has determined that no subsequent events require disclosure in the financial statements.

#### 17 Risk and Uncertainties – COVID-19 and Its Impact

In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in Wuhan, China and has since spread to other countries, including the United States. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. In addition, as of March 21, 2020, New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy ordered the closure of the physical location of every "non-life sustaining" and "non-essential" business.

The Charter School's operations are heavily dependent on both federal and state grant revenues. Its physical locations were closed from March 2020 through September 2020. The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. As such it is uncertain as to the full impact that the pandemic will have on the Charter School's financial condition, liquidity, and future results of operations. Management is actively monitoring the situation on its financial condition, liquidity and operations. The rapid development and fluidity of this situation precludes any prediction as to the ultimate material adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the COVID-19 pandemic presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to the Charter School its performance, and its financial results.

However, it should be noted that as of the date of this report, the Charter School's various federal and state grants have not been materially impacted.

Further, it should be noted that the United States government has expedited the process of vaccinating its people against the virus and it appears the restrictions on movement imposed earlier have significantly eased.

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#### 18 Fund Balance Appropriated – General Fund (Exhibit B- 1)

Of the \$9,624,165 General Fund balance at June 30, 2023, \$75,000 is reserved for escrow cash account, \$9,549,165 is the net unreserved fund balance.

#### 19 Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

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

Fund balance per B-1	\$ 9,624,165
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	8,083,690
Pension deferred outflows	4,514,016
Pension deferred inflows	(2,590,297)
Deferred pension liability as of June 30, 2023	(13,034,779)
Cost of right-of-use lease assets, net of accumulated depreciation	37,452,057
Principal balance of lease liabilities	(40,624,665)
Net position (per A-1) as of June 30, 2023	\$ 3,424,187

#### 20 Related Party – Great Oaks Foundation and Little Acorn Real Estate, Inc.

Great Oaks Foundation (the Foundation), a New York State non-profit organization is related to the Charter School. The Foundation was instrumental in the initial formation and establishment of the Charter School. The President of Great Oaks Foundation is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Charter School. The Foundation has entered into a service agreement with the Charter School. The agreement which is renewed annually provides recruitment-of-tutors services to the Charter School. The Foundation is compensated at market rates for the services as provided for under the agreement.

Little Acorn Real Estate, Inc. (Little Acorn) a New Jersey non-profit organization is related to the Charter School. Little Acorn owns three facilities that are rented to the Charter School.

## Required Supplementary Information

## Part II

**Budgetary Comparison** 

## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund

#### **Budget Comparison Schedule**

Revenues           Local Sources:         \$4,022,808         \$ - \$4,022,808         \$4,046,738         \$3,039,739         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,046,738         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808         \$4,022,808 <t< th=""></t<>	
Local tax levy	
Miscellaneous         -         -         -         383,973         (383,973)           Total revenues -local sources         4,022,808         -         4,022,808         4,406,781         (383,973)           State sources:           Federal aid - SEMI         -         -         -         44,473         (44,473)           State aid         31,000,229         -         31,000,229         30,152,979         847,250           Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)         -         -         -         627,423         (627,423)           TPAF - Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)         -         -         -         892,679         892,679           Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)         -         -         -         3,398,124         3,398,124           Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)         -         -         -         3,705         3,705           Total - state sources         31,000,229         -         31,000,229         35,119,383         4,469,862           Expenditures           Current expense:	
Total revenues -local sources         4,022,808         -         4,022,808         4,406,781         (383,973)           State sources:         Federal aid - SEMI         -         -         44,473         (44,473)           State aid         -         -         -         -         44,473         (44,473)           State aid         -         -         -         44,473         (44,473)           State aid         -         -         31,000,229         -         31,000,229         30,152,979         847,250           Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)         - <td <="" rowspan="3" td=""></td>	
State sources:   Federal aid - SEMI	
Federal aid - SEMI	
State aid       31,000,229       - 31,000,229       30,152,979       847,250         Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)       -       -       -       627,423       (627,423)         TPAF - Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       892,679       892,679         Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       3,398,124       3,398,124         Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       3,705       3,705         Total -state sources       31,000,229       -       31,000,229       35,119,383       4,469,862         Expenditures         Current expense:	
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)       -       -       627,423       (627,423)         TPAF - Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)       -       -       892,679       892,679         Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       3,398,124       3,398,124         Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       3,705       3,705         Total -state sources       31,000,229       -       31,000,229       35,119,383       4,469,862         Expenditures         Current expense:	
TPAF - Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       892,679       892,679         Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       3,398,124       3,398,124         Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       37,05       3,705         Total -state sources       31,000,229       -       31,000,229       35,119,383       4,469,862         Expenditures         Current expense:	
Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       3,398,124       3,398,124         Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)       -       -       -       3,705       3,705         Total -state sources       31,000,229       -       31,000,229       35,119,383       4,469,862         Expenditures         Current expense:	
Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)         -         -         -         3,705         3,705           Total -state sources         31,000,229         -         31,000,229         35,119,383         4,469,862           Total revenues           Expenditures           Current expense:         -         35,023,037         -         35,023,037         39,526,164         4,085,889	
Total -state sources         31,000,229         -         31,000,229         35,119,383         4,469,862           Total revenues         35,023,037         -         35,023,037         39,526,164         4,085,889           Expenditures           Current expense:	
Total revenues 35,023,037 - 35,023,037 39,526,164 4,085,889  Expenditures Current expense:	
Expenditures Current expense:	
Current expense:	
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Instruction	
Salaries of teachers 10,032,709 (1,329,413) 8,703,296 8,681,704 21,592	
Other salaries for instruction 775,653 (139,634) 636,019 532,949 103,070	
Purchased profesional technical services 943,175 328,347 1,271,522 915,597 355,925	
Other purchased services 500,000 304,863 804,863 765,876 38,987	
General educational supplies 1,427,526 56,087 1,483,613 1,258,686 224,927	
Textbooks	
Miscellaneous expenses 541,961 447,115 989,076 987,719 1,357	
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## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund

#### **Budget Comparison Schedule**

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
	Duuget	Transiers	Dauget	Metual	Actual
Administrative cost:					
Salaries	4,602,808	(78,956)	4,523,852	4,418,848	105,004
Total benefit costs	4,784,935	1,521,260	6,306,195	5,385,837	920,358
Professional /Technical service	959,519	870,666	1,830,185	1,725,723	104,462
Other purchased services	165,000	220,907	385,907	379,711	6,196
Communications and Telephones	150,000	(115,574)	34,426	34,083	343
Supplies and materials	75,000	(18,688)	56,312	49,572	6,740
Miscellaneous expenses	125,000	62,559	187,559	187,559	-
	10,862,262	2,462,174	13,324,436	12,181,333	1,143,103
Support services:					
Salaries	4,922,620	527,766	5,450,386	5,163,508	286,878
Purchased prof/tech service	179,750	(147,579)	32,171	9,536	22,635
Other purchased services	1,874,228	1,214,932	3,089,160	2,739,658	349,502
Rent on land and buildings - other than Lease Purchase Agreements	4,119,268	(103,500)	4,015,768	737,728	3,278,040
Insurance-fidelity, liability property	200,000	(9,934)	190,066	190,066	-
Supplies and materials	757,000	122,806	879,806	397,424	482,382
Energy & Utilities	432,163	204,984	637,147	467,192	169,955
Miscellaneous expenses	9,000	-	9,000	7,528	1,472
Transportation other than to/from school	354,750	361,563	716,313	716,313	-
Lease interest expense	-	-	-	1,412,457	(1,412,457)
Principal payments on lease liabilities	-	-	-	1,865,583	(1,865,583)
Total support services	12,848,779	2,171,038	15,019,817	13,706,993	1,312,824
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## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund

#### **Budget Comparison Schedule**

Miscellaneous expenses	- - 1,860,000 -
Non-instructional equipment         -         -         -         -           Purchase land/improvements         2,550,000         (690,000)         1,860,000         -           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -         -         -	<u>-</u>
Purchase land/improvements         2,550,000         (690,000)         1,860,000         -           Miscellaneous expenses         -         -         -         -         -         -	<u>-</u>
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>-</u>
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7.50,000 (00,000) 1.000,000	
Total capital outlay 2,550,000 (690,000) 1,860,000 -	1,860,000
TPAF-Social Security	
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted) 627,423	(627,423)
TPAF - Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted) 892,679	(892,679)
Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted) 3,398,124 (	3,398,124)
Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted) 3,705	(3,705)
Total TPAF-Social Security 4,921,931 (	4,921,931)
Total expenditures 40,482,065 3,610,577 44,092,642 43,952,788	5,061,785
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	
over (under) expenditures before other financing sources/(uses) $(5,459,028)$ $(3,610,577)$ $(9,069,605)$ $(4,426,624)$	(975,896)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):	
Operating Transfer Out:  Transfer to cover food deficit - (189,426) (189,426) (189,426)	_
Total other financing sources (uses) - (189,426) (189,426)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources	
over (under) expenditures and other financing uses $(5,459,028)$ $(3,800,003)$ $(9,259,031)$ $(4,616,050)$	(975,896)
Fund balances, beginning of year 14,240,215 - 14,240,215 14,240,215	
Fund balances, end of year \$ 8,781,187 \$ (3,800,003) \$ 4,981,184 \$ 9,624,165 \$	(975,896)

## GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Special Revenue Fund

#### Budget Comparison Schedule Budgetary Basis Year ended June 30, 2023

	 Original Budget	Budget Transfers		Final Budget	 Actual	Fi	riance nal to ctual
Revenues Federal sources State sources Local sources Total revenues -all sources	\$ 8,878,849 1,249,012 2,293,188 12,421,049	\$	- - -	\$ 8,878,849 1,249,012 2,293,188 12,421,049	\$ 8,878,849 1,249,012 2,293,188 12,421,049	\$	- - - -
Expenditures Current Expenditures: Instruction:							
Salaries of teachers	3,521,874		-	3,521,874	3,521,874		-
Purchased Prof. and technical services	1,434,868		-	1,434,868	1,434,868		-
Other purchased services	256,012		-	256,012	256,012		-
General supplies	266,331		-	266,331	266,331		-
Miscellaneous expenditures	 		-		 -		
Total instruction	 5,479,085			5,479,085	 5,479,085		
Support services							
Support services salaries	844,552		_	844,552	844,552		_
Employee benefits	188,633		_	188,633	188,633		_
Purchased professional services	1,389,659		_	1,389,659	1,389,659		_
Other purchased services	608,817		_	608,817	608,817		_
Supplies	247,694		_	247,694	247,694		_
Miscellaneous expenditures	26,088		_	26,088	26,088		_
Total support services	 3,305,443		-	3,305,443	3,305,443		-
Facilities acquisition and construction services Instructional equipment Noninstructional equipment	- -		-	- -	-		-
Construction services	3,636,521		_	3,636,521	3,636,521		_
Total facilities acquisition and construction services	 3,636,521 -	. —		3,636,521	 3,636,521		_
Total expenditures	\$ 12,421,049	\$	-	\$ 12,421,049	\$ 12,421,049	\$	-

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

#### Note to Required Supplementary Information Budget to GAAP Reconciliation

#### Year ended June 30, 2023

		General Fund	<u>-</u>	Special Revenue Fund
Sources/inflows of resources  Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue" from the budgetary comparison schedule:  Difference - budget to GAAP: Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized.	[C-1] [C-2]	\$ 39,526,164	\$	12,421,049
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2]	\$ 39,526,164	\$	12,421,049
Uses/outflows of resources  Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule  Differences - budget to GAAP  Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial reporting purposes.	[C-1] [C-2]	\$ 43,952,788	\$	12,421,049
Transfers to and from other funds are presented as outflows of budgetary resources but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes.  Net transfer (outflows) to general fund  Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2]	\$ 43,952,788	\$	- 12,421,049

Note 1) The general fund budget basis of the use/outflow of resources is GAAP, therefore no reconciliation is required.

#### Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - PERS Last Ten Fiscal Years

									Fiscal Year Ended June 30,											
		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014		2013
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability (assets)	•	0.0863723650%	0.	0780882359%	0	.0822628419%	0.	.0759380973%	(	0.0600860429%		0.0146407594%		0.0120306977%	0.	0099905575%	0	.0067022036%	0	.0050885255%
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)	\$	13,034,779	\$	9,250,722	\$	13,414,918	\$	13,682,893	\$	11,830,642	\$	3,408,135	\$	3,563,148	\$	2,242,680	\$	1,254,836	\$	972,518
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$	6,335,574	s	6,033,880	\$	5,561,623	\$	5,561,623	\$	5,033,388	\$	3,313,762	s	959,614	\$	799,678	\$	588,790	\$	407,500
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll		205.74%		153.31%		241.21%		246.02%		235.04%		102.85%		371.31%		280.45%		213.12%		238.65%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability - local		62.91%		70.33%		58.32%		56.27%		53.60%		48.10%		40.14%		47.93%		52.08%		48.72%

Note

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

#### Schedule of the Charter School's Contributions - PERS Last Ten Fiscal Years

				Fiscal Year Ended June 30,															
	2022		2021		2020		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015	2014			2013
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,089,197	\$	983,811	\$	900,374	\$	754,744	\$	597,662	\$	135,631	\$	130,373	\$	85,892	\$	55,252	\$	38,341
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (1,089,197)	_	(983,811)	_	(900,374)	_	(754,744)	_	(597,662)		(135,631)		(130,373)		(85,892)		(55,252)	_	(38,341)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$		\$		\$	-	\$		\$	_	\$		\$		\$		\$	_
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$ 6,335,574	\$	6,033,880	\$	5,561,623	\$	5,561,623	\$	5,033,388	\$	3,313,762	\$	959,614	\$	799,678	\$	588,790	\$	407,500
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	17.19%		16.30%		16.19%		13.57%		11.87%		4.09%		13.59%		10.74%		9.38%		9.41%

Note

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

#### Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - TPAF Last Ten Fiscal Years

	_	2022	_	2021	_	2020	_	2019	_	2018	_	2017	Fiscal Year Ende	d June	30, 2015	_	2014	_	2013
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability (assets)**		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)**		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) associated with the Charter School	\$	40,983,337	s	34,971,669	s	33,807,945	\$	29,921,311	\$	7,783,272	\$	8,673,160	\$ 7,546,510	s	3,429,237	s	1,582,685	\$	-
Total	\$	40,983,337	S	34,971,669	\$	33,807,945	\$	29,921,311	\$	7,783,272	\$	8,673,160	\$ 7,546,510	\$	3,429,237	S	1,582,685	\$	-
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$	9,961,314	s	9,486,966	\$	6,483,085	\$	6,483,085	\$	5,250,935	\$	4,382,982	\$ 1,151,767	\$	1,151,767	s	768,840	\$	519,600
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll**		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		32.29%		35.52%		24.60%		26.95%		26.49%		25.41%	22.33%		28.71%		33.64%		33.76%

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note
TPAF is a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 in which the State of New Jersey is 100% responsible
for contributions to the plan. Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan there is no net pension
liability to report in the financial statements of the Charter School.

# Schedule of the State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Charter School and Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios Public Employee's Retirement System and Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund Last Six Fiscal Years

				Fiscal Yea	r Endin	g			
	2022		2021	2020		2019	119		2017
Total OPEB Liability									
Service cost	\$	3,304,159	\$ 3,629,130	\$ 1,650,178	\$	1,417,132	\$	407,938	\$ 497,221
Interest cost		326,351	397,265	298,608		276,963		86,166	69,789
Changes of benefit terms		-	(16,300)						
Difference between expected and actual experiences		(3,013,660)	(4,298,895)	4,292,971		(418,290)		4,096,556	
Changes of assumptions		(3,303,504)	15,109	2,902,671		104,586		(670,514)	(421,520)
Member contributions		10,370	10,156	8,385		6,383		5,400	1,769
Gross benefit payments		(323,260)	 (312,934)	 (276,643)		(215,323)		(156,240)	 (48,031)
Net change in total OPEB liability		(2,999,544)	(576,469)	8,876,170		1,171,451		3,769,306	99,228
Total OPEB liability - beginning		15,314,153	 15,890,622	 7,014,452		5,843,001	_	2,073,695	 1,974,467
Total OPEB liability, ending	\$	12,314,609	\$ 15,314,153	\$ 15,890,622	\$	7,014,452	\$	5,843,001	\$ 2,073,695
Covered employee payroll - PERS and TPAF	\$	3,587,256	\$ 3,681,479	\$ 3,343,509	\$	2,341,410	\$	1,728,447	\$ 521,649
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll		343%	416%	475%		300%		338%	398%
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the Charter School		0.02%	0.03%	0.02%		0.02%		0.01%	0.00%
Charter School's contributions	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -

#### \*\* Information not available.

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

# (County of Essex) Notes to Required Supplementary Information Year Ended June 30, 2023

## 1. Pension – Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Benefit Changes
There were none.
Changes of Assumptions
None - The discount rate remained at 7% as of June 30, 2022 same as of June 30, 2021.
2. Pension – Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)
Benefit Changes
There were none.
Changes of Assumptions
None - The discount rate remained at 7% as of June 30, 2022 same as of June 30, 2021.
3. Other Post-Retirement Benefit Plan – Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)
Benefit Changes
There were none.
Changes of Assumptions
The discount rate changed from 2.16% as of June 30, 2021, to 3.54% as of June 30, 2022.

Other Supplementary Information

School Level Schedules

Special Revenue Fund

#### GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Special Revenue Fund

## Combining Schedule of Program, Revenue and Expenditures Budgetary Basis

	Title IA 2022-2023	Title I SI 2022-202		Title II 2022-2023		Γitle III 022-2023	Title IV.4 2022-202		I.D.E.A. 2022-2023	I.D. Prese 2022-	chool	S	harter chool Grant		CRRSA ESSER II	ESS	ARP ER III rant	ESS Lea	ARP SER III arning deration	Emer	SDA zing Needs Capital ntenance		NJ Children's Ward		Proiect Ready	Arma Roy	n	Charter Growth Fund		GEM undation	Total
Revenues Federal sources	s 1,235,969	6 10	500 S	275.110		20.966	S 103.2	264	s 481.590		9.951		322,417		449 373		5,627,257		333,452												\$ 8,878,849
State sources	\$ 1,235,969	,	500 5	2/5,110	3	20,966	\$ 105,.	204	\$ 481,390	3	9,951	3	322,417	3	449,373	3 2	5,627,257	3	333,432	3	448.050	3	-	3	-	3	-	3 -	3	-	\$ 8,878,849 448,050
Local sources	-		-	-		-		-	-						-		-		-		440,050		1.990.184		80.000	15	.004	155,000		50.000	2,293,188
Total revenues -all sources	\$ 1,235,969	\$ 19,	500 S	275,110	\$	20,966	\$ 103,3	264	\$ 481,590	\$	9,951	\$	322,417	\$	449,373	\$ 5	5,627,257	S	333,452	\$	448,050	\$	1,990,184	\$	80,000		,004	\$ 155,000	\$	50,000	\$ 11,620,087
Expenditures Instruction																															
Salaries of teachers	\$ 1.023.022	e					S 47.0	002	e				141,829		131.890		.361.817		333,452						80.000			•		_	\$ 3,119,013
Purchased Prof. and technical services	3 1,023,022	3		, -			52,0			3			141,029		162,583		1,218,720	3	333,432				900	.3	80,000	3			3		1,434,868
Other purchased services	_		_	_		_	22,	-	_		_		48,984		102,303		207,028		_		_		,00		_		_	_		_	256,012
General supplies	118,401		-	_		20,966		-	_		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		_	18	.004	_			157,371
Miscellaneous expenditures			-	-		-		-	-		-		-		-		-		-		-		_		_		-	-		-	-
Total instruction	1,141,423					20,966	99,0	668	-				190,813		294,473	2	2,787,565		333,452		-		900		80,000	18	,004	-			4,967,264
Support services																															
Support services salaries	_		_	_		_		_	_		_				_		551,188		_		_		74,720		_		_	125,000		50,000	800,908
Employee benefits	56,228		_	_		_	3.1	596	_		_		15,912		_		-		_		_		7-1,720		_		_	125,000		50,000	75,736
Purchased professional services			-	102,380		-		-	481,590		9,951		-		154,900		610,838		-		-		-		_		-	30,000			1,389,659
Other purchased services	_	19.	500	172,730		-		-	-		-		115,692		-		170,797		-		-		-		_		-	-			478,719
Supplies	38,318		_	-		_		_	_		_		-		_		209,376		_		_		_		_		_	_		_	247,694
Miscellaneous expenditures	-		-	-		-		-	-		-		-		-		,		-		-		23,586		-		-			-	23,586
Total support services	94,546	19,	500	275,110		-	3,	596	481,590		9,951		131,604		154,900		,542,199						98,306					155,000		50,000	3,016,302
Facilities acquisition and construction services																															
Instructional equipment	_		_	_		_		_	_		_		_		_		_		_		_		_		_		_	_		_	_
Noninstructional equipment	-		-			- 1		-					- 1						-								-				
Construction services	_		-	_		-		-	_		-		-		-	1	.297.493		-		448,050		1.890.978		_		-	_			3,636,521
Total facilities acquisition and construction services	-		-	-		-		-	-	-	-		-		-		,297,493		-		448,050	_	1,890,978		-		-	-		-	3,636,521
Total expenditures	\$ 1,235,969	\$ 19,	500 S	275,110	s	20,966	\$ 103,3	264	\$ 481,590	S	9,951	\$	322,417	s	449,373	\$ 5	5,627,257	s	333,452	s	448,050	\$	1,990,184	s	80,000	\$ 18	,004	\$ 155,000	s	50,000	\$ 11,620,087

#### GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Special Revenue Fund

#### Schedule of Preschool Education Aid Expenditures - Budgetary Basis

		Original Budget	1	Budget Transfers		Final Budget	Actual	Variance			
Expenditures											
Instruction											
Salaries of teachers	\$	218,840	\$	8,698	\$	227,538	\$ 227,538	\$ -			
Other salaries for instruction	Ψ	168,443	Ψ	6,880	Ψ	175,323	175,323	φ -			
Purchased professional services		100,115		-		-	-	_			
Other purchased services				_		_					
General supplies		75,000		33,960		108,960	108,960	_			
Other objects		-		-		-	-	-			
Total instruction		462,283		49,538		511,821	511,821				
		.02,203		.,,,,,,,		511,021					
Support services											
Salaries of Supervisor of Instruction		23,746		-		23,746	23,746	-			
Salaries of Principals/Assistant Principals/Prog Directors		-		-		-	-	-			
Salaries of Other Prof Staff		73,822		(53,924)		19,898	19,898	-			
Salaries of Secretarial & Clerical Assistants		-		-		-	-	-			
Other Salaries - Fiscal Specialist		-		-		-	-	-			
Other Salaries - Custodian		-		-		-	-	-			
Other Salaries - Security Guard				-		-	-	-			
Family/Parent Liason		23,882		-		23,882	23,882	-			
Facilitator/Coach		40,951		-		40,951	40,951	-			
Personnel Services - Employee benefits		107,013		5,884		112,897	112,897	-			
Other Purchased Prof - Education Services		-		-		-	-	-			
Cleaning, Repairs and Maintenance Services		65,265		-		65,265	65,265	-			
Rentals				-		-	-	-			
Contracted Services - Field Trips		4,000		(1,498)		2,502	2,502	-			
Supplies and materials		-		-		-	-	-			
Other objects		-		-		-	-	-			
Total support services		338,679		(49,538)		289,141	289,141				
The state of the s											
Facilities acquisition and construction services											
Instructional equipment		-		-		-	-	-			
Noninstructional equipment		-		-		-	-	-			
Construction services											
Total facilities acquisition and construction services	Ф.		-		Ф.	- 000.062					
Total expenditures	\$	800,962	\$	-	\$	800,962	\$ 800,962	-			
Calculation of Budget and Carryover											
Total 2022-2023 preschool education aid allocation								\$ 800,962			
Add: actual carryover June 30, 2022								-			
Total preschool education aid funds available for 2022-2023 budget								800,962			
Less: 2022-2023 budgeted preschool education aid								(800,962)			
ailable and unbudgeted preschool education aid funds as of June 30, 2022								-			
Add: June 30, 2023 unexpended preschool education aid								<del>-</del>			
2022-2023 actual carryover - preschool education aid								\$ -			
2022 2022								¢			
2022-2023 preschool education aid carryover budgeted in 2023-2024								\$ -			

Capital Projects Fund At June 30, 2023, there was no capital project fund.

Enterprise Fund

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# GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Enterprise Funds

# **Combining Statement of Net Position**

# June 30, 2023

Current assets:   Cash and cash equivalents   \$23,906   \$12,674   \$36,580     Accounts receivable:   Federal   35,085   - 35,085     State   1,260   - 1,260     Other   189,426   - 189,426     Interfund receivable		Food ervices	frer Care ervices	Total
Cash and cash equivalents       \$ 23,906       \$ 12,674       \$ 36,580         Accounts receivable:       Federal       35,085       -       35,085       -       35,085       -       35,085       -       35,085       -       35,085       -       1,260       -				

# GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Enterprise Fund

### Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position

### Year ended June 30, 2023

	Food Services	Afrer Care Services	Total
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services:			
Daily sales - reimbursable programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Daily sales - nonreimbursable programs	-	_	<u>-</u>
Miscellaneous revenue	-	-	-
Total operating revenues			
Operating expenses:			
Cost of sales - reimbursable programs	1,602,952	_	1,602,952
Cost of sales - nonreimbursable programs	-	_	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Salaries	-	_	-
Pruchased services	-	_	_
Other purchased services	-	_	_
Supplies and materials	-	_	_
Contracted services - transporttion	_	_	_
Cleaning, repairs and maintenance	-	_	_
Rental of land and building	-	_	_
Depreciation expense	-	_	_
Miscellaneous expenses	_	_	_
Total operating expenses	1,602,952		1,602,952
Operating income (loss)	(1,602,952)		(1,602,952)
Nonoperating revenues:			
State sources:			
State School Lunch Program	21,648	_	21,648
State Breakfast Program	20,219	_	20,219
Federal sources:	,	_	´-
National School Lunch Program	821,842		821,842
National School Breakfast Program	362,104	_	362,104
Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act	18,969	_	18,969
After School Snacks	41,747	_	41,747
School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Programs		_	102,666
Total nonoperating revenues	1,389,195		1,389,195
Net income/(loss) before contributions & transfers	(213,757)	-	(213,757)
Other financing sources:			
Transfer in/(out) - board contribution	189,426	-	189,426
	189,426		189,426
Change in net position	(24,331)	-	(24,331)
Total net position-beginning of year	24,331	64,814	89,145
Total net position-end of year	\$ -	\$ 64,814	\$ 64,814

# GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Enterprise Fund

### **Statement of Cash Flows**

### Year ended June 30, 2023

	Food Services		Afrer Care Services		Total
Cash flows from operating activities Operating loss	\$	(1,602,952)	\$	-	\$ (1,602,952)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:					-
Depreciation expense		-		-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable Accounts payable		(158,569)		-	(158,569)
Due to/from general fund Net cash provided by operating activities		(158,568)		-	 (158,568)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities					
Cash received from state reimbursements		41,867		_	41,867
Cash received from federal reimbursements		1,347,328		_	1,347,328
Operating subsidies and transfers from other funds		189,426		-	189,426
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities		1,578,621		-	1,578,621
Cash flows from investing activities					-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(182,899)		-	(182,899)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning		206,805		12,674	219,479
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	\$	23,906	\$	12,674	\$ 36,580

Fiduciary Fund Not Applicable Long Term Debt At June 30, 2023, there was no long-term debt.

### GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL Long-Term Debt Schedule of Obligations Under Renovation Loan

Year ended June 30, 2023

	Interest Rate Payable	of C	nount Original Ssue	Outst	nount tanding 30, 2022	Cu	quired rrent 'ear	Cui	tired rrent 'ear	Outst	ount anding 30, 2023
NONE	0.00%	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
				\$		\$		\$		\$	<u>-</u>

**Statistical Section** 

### Net Assets By Component Last Ten Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	Fiscal Yea	er Ended June 30,	2017	2016	2015	2014
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2010	2017	2010	2013	2014
Governmental activities										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted		-	-	-		-		-	-	-
Unrestricted	(1,561,895)	3,991,734	3,937,137	1,951,073	4,488,656	7,108,840	7,476,082	(210,431)	169,677	901,998
Total governmental activities net assets \$	(1,561,895)	\$ 3,991,734	\$ 3,937,137	\$ 1,951,073	\$ 4,488,656	\$ 7,108,840	\$ 7,476,082	\$ (210,431)	\$ 169,677	\$ 901,998
Business-type activities										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	64,814	89,145	39,355	161	(580)	(40,470)	30,671	-	-	-
Total business-type activities \$	64,814	\$ 89,145	\$ 39,355	\$ 161	\$ (580)	\$ (40,470)	\$ 30,671	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
**										
School-wide										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted		-	-	-		-		-	-	-
Unrestricted	(1,497,081)	4,080,879	3,976,492	1,951,234	4,488,076	7,068,370	7,506,753	(210,431)	169,677	901,998
Total charter school net assets \$	(1,497,081)	\$ 4,080,879	\$ 3,976,492	\$ 1,951,234	\$ 4,488,076	\$ 7,068,370	\$ 7,506,753	\$ (210,431)	\$ 169,677	\$ 901,998

#### Changes In Net Assets Last Ten Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

					Fiscal Year	Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Expenses										
Governmental activities										
Instruction										
Regular	\$ 18,621,616	\$ 16,973,675	\$ 14,401,754	\$ 12,214,620	\$ 11,700,628	\$ 10,309,843	\$ 8,964,781	\$ 3,121,205	\$ 2,383,521	\$ 1,990,593
Support Services:										
General administration	15,834,254	10,587,081	7,020,701	11,322,944	9,169,171	4,982,460	2,487,151	2,970,788	1,469,994	1,502,688
School administrative services	17,012,436	20,752,759	17,543,185	12,568,619	12,221,227	10,576,678	7,323,920	2,856,371	1,718,368	1,380,773
On-behalf TPAF/FICA Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated depreciation	1,319,136	760,744	761,245	546,178	632,119	452,394	363,785	96,498	11,576	8,439
Total governmental activities expenses	52,787,442	49,074,259	39,726,885	36,652,361	33,723,145	26,321,375	19,139,637	9,044,862	5,583,459	4,882,493
Business-type activities:										
Food service	1,602,952	1,416,513	300,396	957,040	1,083,422	890,241	1,022,043	296,917	242,780	191,014
Child Care										
Total business-type activities expense	1,602,952	1,416,513	300,396	957,040	1,083,422	890,241	1,022,043	296,917	242,780	191,014
Total charter school expenses	\$ 54,390,394	\$ 50,490,772	\$ 40,027,281	\$ 37,609,401	\$ 34,806,567	\$ 27,211,616	\$ 20,161,680	\$ 9,341,779	\$ 5,826,239	\$ 5,073,507
Program Revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 12,421,049	\$ 10,037,879	\$ 9,025,230	\$ 3,574,310	\$ 3,309,522	\$ 2,877,864	\$ 1,977,469	\$ 1,069,135	\$ 447,551	\$ 602,482
Capital grants and contributions	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities program revenues	12,421,049	10,037,879	9,025,230	3,574,310	3,309,522	2,877,864	1,977,469	1,069,135	447,551	602,482
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services										
Food service	-	3,135	27	64,787	-	12,387	4,860			
Operating grants and contributions	1,389,195	1,463,168	339,563	892,414	998,713	816,873	963,394	248,753	216,372	149,455
Capital grants and contributions										
Total business type activities program revenues	1,389,195	1,466,303	339,590	957,201	998,713	829,260	968,254	248,753	216,372	149,455
Total charter school program revenues	\$ 13,810,244	\$ 11,504,182	\$ 9,364,820	\$ 4,531,511	\$ 4,308,235	\$ 3,707,124	\$ 2,945,723	\$ 1,317,888	\$ 663,923	\$ 751,937

#### Changes In Net Assets Last Ten Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Net (Expense)/Revenue Governmental activities Business-type activities Total charter school-wide net expense	\$ (40,366,393) (213,757) \$ (40,580,150)	\$ (39,036,380) 49,790 \$ (38,986,590)	\$ (30,701,655) 39,194 \$ (30,662,461)	\$ (33,078,051) 161 \$ (33,077,890)	\$ (30,413,623) (84,709) \$ (30,498,332)	\$ (23,443,511) (60,981) \$ (23,504,492)	\$ (17,162,168) (53,789) \$ (17,215,957)	\$ (7,975,727) (48,164) \$ (8,023,891)	\$ (5,135,908) (26,408) \$ (5,162,316)	\$ (4,280,011) (41,559) \$ (4,321,570)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Assets Governmental activities:	(10,500,150)	\$ (30,200,320)	\$ (30,002,101)	(33,077,070)	(30,170,332)	(23,501,152)	(17,213,737)	(0,023,031)	(2,102,210)	(1,521,570)
Property taxes levied for general purposes, net Grants and contributions Miscellancous income Transfers	\$ 4,022,808 35,074,910 383,973 (189,426)	\$ 4,043,876 32,868,416 166,730	\$ 3,901,028 30,917,540 67,156 (1,515,652)	\$ 3,535,151 27,071,519 48,379 1,382,950	\$ 3,298,664 24,734,332 193,082 (115,019)	\$ 3,078,706 20,044,526 172,142	\$ 2,770,799 18,807,393 23,102	\$ 1,113,041 6,937,893 12,697 (48,164)	\$ 817,356 4,814,812 56,772 (26,408)	\$ 642,352 3,560,063 21,692 (41,559)
Total governmental activities	39,292,265	37,079,022	33,370,072	32,037,999	28,111,059	23,295,374	21,601,294	8,015,467	5,662,532	4,182,548
Business-type activities: Transfers Total business-type activities Total charter school-wide	189,426 189,426 \$ 39,481,691	\$ 37,079,022	\$ 33,370,072	\$ 32,037,999	115,019 115,019 \$ 28,226,078	\$ 23,295,374	\$ 21,601,294	48,164 48,164 \$ 8,063,631	26,408 26,408 \$ 5,688,940	41,559 41,559 \$ 4,224,107
Change in Net Assets Governmental activities Business-type activities Total charter school	\$ (884,702) (213,757) \$ (1,098,459)	\$ (1,957,358) 49,790 \$ (1,907,568)	\$ 2,668,417 39,194 \$ 2,707,611	\$ (1,040,052) 161 \$ (1,039,891)	\$ (2,187,545) (84,709) \$ (2,272,254)	\$ (148,137) (60,981) \$ (209,118)	\$ 4,439,126 (53,789) \$ 4,385,337	\$ 87,904 (48,164) \$ 39,740	\$ 553,032 (26,408) \$ 526,624	\$ (55,904) (41,559) \$ (97,463)

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### Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Last Ten Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

					Fiscal Ye	ear En	ded June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019		2018	 2017	2016	2015	 2014
General Fund											
Unreserved	\$ 9,624,165	\$ 14,240,215	\$ 13,534,807	\$ 8,310,279	\$ 8,861,954	\$	9,268,219	\$ 9,190,123	\$ 1,038,996	\$ 1,144,066	\$ 901,998
Total general fund	\$ 9,624,165	\$ 14,240,215	\$ 13,534,807	\$ 8,310,279	\$ 8,861,954	\$	9,268,219	\$ 9,190,123	\$ 1,038,996	\$ 1,144,066	\$ 901,998
All Other Governmental Funds											
Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ _	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ _	\$ -	\$ -
Unreserved, reported in:											
Special revenue fund	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects fund	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Debt service fund	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Permanent fund	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-
Total all other governmental funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

#### Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, Function 2023 2022 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 Revenues \$ 4,022,808 \$ 3,901,028 \$ 642,352 Local tax levy \$ 4,043,876 \$ 3,535,151 3,298,664 \$ 3,078,706 2,770,799 1,113,041 \$ 817,356 2,677,161 1,097,447 1,276,194 305,280 61,772 63,362 626,735 217,900 305,948 143,027 Miscellaneous State sources 36,323,922 33,686,539 31,602,390 27,867,965 25,466,547 20,676,281 19,312,471 6,937,893 4,985,233 3,668,357 Federal sources 8,923,322 8,295,156 7,131,342 2,199,508 2,552,489 2,112,303 1,190,213 938,805 442,551 560,812 34,229,359 31,535,600 9,132,766 4,934,883 47,123,018 43,910,954 26,173,238 23,578,763 6,306,912 Total revenue 51,947,213 Expenditures 18,621,616 16,973,675 14.401.754 12,214,620 11,700,628 10,309,843 8,964,781 3,121,205 2,383,521 1,990,593 Instruction Administration 17,103,264 10,947,865 7,020,701 7,965,086 6,803,743 4,537,122 3,480,465 2,922,624 1,920,862 1,610,982 17,201,335 1,422,332 Support Services 17,012,436 13,991,761 12,568,619 12,336,246 10,576,678 7,087,216 2,667,831 1,744,776 Capital Outlay 3,636,521 1,294,735 1,756,558 3,415,659 986,229 671,499 938,283 516,344 15,685 42,194 Debt service 9,228,004 56,373,837 46,417,610 37,170,774 36,163,984 31,826,846 26,095,142 20,470,745 6,064,844 5,066,101 Total expenditures Excess (deficiency) of revenues (1,934,625) 705,408 6,740,180 3,108,018 (95,238) 242,068 (131,218)over (under) expenditures before other financing sources (4,426,624) (291,246) 78,096 Other financing sources/(uses) (115,019) Transfer to cover food deficit LISC long term loan proceeds/(repayment) (189, 426) (1.515.652) 1.382,950 (115,019) Total other financing sources/(uses) (189, 426) (1,515,652) 1,382,950 Net change in fund balance (4,616,050) 705,408 5,224,528 (551,675) (406,265) 78,096 3,108,018 (95,238) 242,068 (131,218)0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures

Source: Charter School's Records

County of Essex, New Jersey

### General Fund Other Local Revenue by Source Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Function	2023	2022	2021	2020	Fiscal Yo	ear Ended June 30, 2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Other local revenues Miscellaneous	\$ 383,973	\$ 166,730	\$ 67,156	\$ 48,379	\$ 193,082	\$ 172,142	\$ 23,102	\$ 12,697	\$ 56,772	\$ 21,692
Total other local revenue	\$ 383,973	\$ 166,730	\$ 67,156	\$ 48,379	\$ 193,082	\$ 172,142	\$ 23,102	\$ 12,697	\$ 56,772	\$ 21,692

Source: Charter School's Records

### Ratio of Outstanding Debt By Type Last Ten Years

			Gove	ernmental	l Activi	ties				Type tivities						
			Cert	ificates												
	Ge	neral		of			В	ond								
Fiscal Year Ended	Obligati	ion Bonds	Parti	cipatio		pital		cipation		apital		Charter		tage of	Per	Capita
June 30,				n	Le	ases	Notes	(BANs)	L	eases	Sc	hool	Personal	Income <sup>a</sup>		
2014	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		0.00%	\$	_
2015		_		-		-		-		-		-		0.00%		-
2016		-		-		-		-		-		-		0.00%		-
2017		-		-		-		-		-		-		0.00%		-
2018		-		-		-		-		-		-		0.00%		-
2019		-		-		-		-		-		-		0.00%		-
2020		-		-		-	1,	382,950		-	1,	382,950		0.00%		-
2021		-		-		-		-		-		-		0.00%		-
2022		-		-		-		-		-		-		0.00%		-
2023		_		_		_		_		_		-		0.00%		_

Note: Details regarding the Charter School's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

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# GREAT OAKS LEGACY CHARTER SCHOOL County of Essex, New Jersey

# Demographic and Economic Statistics Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Year	Population <sup>a</sup>	Pe	ersonal Income <sup>b</sup>	Capi	ounty Per ta Personal ncome <sup>c</sup>	Unemployment Rate <sup>d</sup>
2014	280,980	\$	16,386,472,620	\$	58,319	15.00%
2015	281,944		16,925,098,320		60,030	15.00%
2016	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%
2017	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%
2018	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%
2019	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%
2020	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%
2021	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%
2022	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%
2023	281,764		16,914,292,920		60,030	7.90%

### Source:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Population information provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development b Personal income has been estimated based upon the municipal population and per capita personal income presented

c Personal capital income by municipality estimated based upon the 2000 Cesus published by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Unemployment data provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

# Principal Employers Current Year (Unaudited)

2023

<b>Employer</b>	Employees	Rank [Optional]	Percentage of Total Municipal Employment
Newark Liberty International Airport	24,000	1	17.14%
Verizon Communications	17,100	2	12.21%
Prudential Financial, Inc.	16,850	3	12.04%
Continental Airlines	11,000	4	7.86%
University of Medicines/Dentistry	11,000	5	7.86%
Public Service Enterprise Group	10,800	6	7.71%
Prudential Insurance	4,492	7	3.21%
City of Newark	3,984	8	2.85%
Horizon Blue Cross & Blue Shield	3,900	9	2.79%
	103,126		73.66%

Source: Web Site: http://www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-Northeast/Newark-Economy.html

# Full-Time Equivalent Charter School Employees by Function/Program Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,

	Fiscal Tear Elided Julie 30,										
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
<u>Function/Program</u>											
Instruction											
Regular	126	126	126	126	126	103	100	20	20	13	
Special education	19	19	19	19	19	11	12	1	1	1	
Other instruction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	58	58	
Support Services:											
General administration	58	58	58	58	58	38	29	13	13	12	
Other support services	32	32	32	32	32	18	27	3	3	2	
Total	235	235	235	235	235	170	168	95	95	86	

Source: Charter School Personnel Records

### **Operating Statistics**

### Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures <sup>a</sup>	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff <sup>b</sup>	Pupil/Teacher Ratio	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) <sup>c</sup>	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	% Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2014	260	5,023,907	\$ 19,323	0.00%	14	1:4	260.0	247	0.00%	95.00%
2015	331	6,049,159	18,275	-5.42%	79	1:4	331.0	314	27.31%	94.86%
2016	460	8,711,660	18,938	3.63%	21	1:4	461.0	437	39.27%	94.79%
2017	1,309	19,532,462	14,922	-21.21%	112	1:4	1309.0	1,323	183.95%	101.07%
2018	1,350	25,423,643	18,832	26.21%	114	1:4	1350.0	1,323	3.13%	98.00%
2019	1,562	30,955,636	19,818	5.23%	114	1:4	1350.0	1,323	0.00%	98.00%
2020	1,718	32,748,325	19,062	-3.82%	145	1:4	1562.0	1,531	15.70%	98.00%
2021	1,875	35,414,216	18,888	-0.91%	145	1:4	1859.0	1,698	19.01%	91.34%
2022	1,931	45,122,875	23,368	23.72%	145	1:4	1859.0	1,698	0.00%	91.34%
2023	1,980	52,737,316	26,635	13.98%	145	1:4	1859.0	1,698	0.00%	91.34%

Sources: Charter School records

Note: Enrollment based on annual June Charter School count.

a Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.

b Teaching staff includes only full-time equivalents of certificated staff.

c Average daily enrollment and average daily atten

County of Essex, New Jersey

### School Building Information Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

Fiscal Vear Ended June 30.

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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Square Feet	197,000	167,000	167,000	167,000	167,000	167,000	60,800	46,000	29,000	24,000
Capacity (students)	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,300	500	400	300
Enrollment	1,980	1,718	1,718	1,718	1,562	1,350	1,309	1,309	460	331

Source: School Records

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# Schedule of Required Maintenance Expenditures By School Facility\* Last Ten Years (Unaudited)

2014	1,107,338
2015	1,447,264
2016	2,008,540
2017	3,284,892
2018	4,766,549
2019	5,229,263
2020	5,341,211
2021	5,668,248
2022	2,811,612
2023	4,549,132
Total	\$ 36,214,049

Source: Charter School records

<sup>\*</sup> School facilities as defined under EFCFA. (N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-1.3)

### **Insurance Schedule**

### June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

	Coverage
Commercial General Liability:	
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Medical Expense Limit Per Person	10,000
Personal and Adv Injury	1,000,000
General Aggregate	3,000,000
Products - Comp/Op Agg	3,000,000
Abuse and Molestation, Aggregate	3,000,000
Abuse and Molestation	1,000,000
Fire Legal Liability	1,000,000
Educators Legal Liability:	
Each Occurrence	1,000,000
Aggregate	2,000,000
Deductible	5,000
Automobile:	
Combined Single Limit	1,000,000
Bodily Injury (Per Person)	1,000,000
Bodily Injury (Per Accident)	1,000,000
Crime:	
Blanket Employee Dishonesty	100,000
Deductible	1,000
Umbrella Liability:	
Each Occurrence	5,000,000
Aggregate	5,000,000
Deductible	10,000
Property:	
Building	9,100,000
Business Personal Property	1,750,000
EDP Equipment and Media	1,500,000
Business Income	3,000,000
Student Accident:	
Aggregate Limit of Indemnity	250,000
Accident Medical Expense Benefit	10,000
Accident Death and Dismemberment	10,000
Workers Compenstion and Employers Liability:	
Bodily Injury By Accident	1,000,000
Bodily Injury By Disease-Policy	1,000,000
Bodily Injury By Disease	1,000,000

Source: Charter School Records

### Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators New Term Indicators

June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

	2023	2022	2021	
Cash	\$ 7,331,788	\$ 11,013,362	\$ 8,303,080	
Current assets	3,720,167	7,173,299	7,410,083	
Capital assets, net	8,083,690	5,766,305	5,232,314	
Total assets	19,135,645	23,952,966	20,945,477	
Current liabilities Long term liabilities	55,097,420	40,413,948	15,628,919	
Total liabilities	55,097,420	40,413,948	15,628,919	
Net position	\$ (35,961,775)	\$ (16,460,982)	\$ 5,316,558	
Total revenue	\$ 53,336,408	\$ 48,586,186	\$ 42,734,865	
Total expenses Change in net position	(57,154,762) \$ (3,818,354)	\$\((1,904,586)\)	$\frac{(40,027,281)}{\$ 2,707,584}$	
Depreciation expense	\$ 1,319,136	\$ 760,744	\$ 761,245	
Interest expense	-	-	-	
Principal payments	-	-	-	
Interest payments	-	-	-	
Final average daily enrollment March 30th budgeted enrollment	1,980 2,000	1,931 1,800	1,875 1,800	
	2023	2022	2021	Three Year Cumulative
NEAR TERM INDICATORS:				
Current ratio	0.20	0.45	1.01	1.66
Unrestricted days cash	46.82	79.62	75.71	202.15
Enrollment variance	99%	107%	104%	1.03
Default	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Charter School Records

### Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators Sustainability Indicators

June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

		2023		2022		2021		
Cash	\$	7,331,788	\$	11,013,362	\$	8,303,080		
Current assets		3,720,167		7,173,299		7,410,083		
Capital assets, net		8,083,690		5,766,305		5,232,314		
Total assets		19,135,645		23,952,966		20,945,477		
Current liabilities		55,097,420		40,413,948		15,628,919		
Long term liabilities		33,077,420				13,020,717		
Total liabilities		55,097,420		40,413,948		15,628,919		
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Net position	\$	(35,961,775)	\$	(16,460,982)	\$	5,316,558		
Total revenue	\$	53,336,408	\$	48,586,186	\$	42,734,865		
Total expenses		(57,154,762)	Ψ	(50,490,772)	-	(40,027,281)		
Change in net position	\$	(3,818,354)	\$	(1,904,586)	\$	2,707,584		
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Depreciation expense	\$	1,319,136	\$	760,744	\$	761,245		
Interest expense	Ψ	-	Ψ	-	Ψ	-		
Principal payments		_						
Interest payments		_		_		_		
interest payments		-		-		-		
Final assess daily annully and		1 000		1 021		1 075		
Final average daily enrollment		1,980		1,931		1,875		
March 30th budgeted enrollment		2,000		1,800		1,800		
							Т	hree Year
		2023		2022		2021	C	umulative
SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS:								
Total margin		-7%		-4%		6%		-2%
Debt to asset		N/A		N/A		N/A		N/A
Cash flow	\$	(3,681,574)	\$	2,710,282	\$	99,257	\$	(872,035)
Debt service coverage ratio		N/A		N/A	•	N/A		N/A
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Source: Charter School Records

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board of Trustees Great Oaks Legacy Charter School County of Essex Newark, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School ("the Charter School"), in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as of and for the 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 January 31, 2024.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control 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 of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*.

### **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 Charter School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey* in considering the Charter School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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January 31, 2024 Newark, New Jersey

Ilori CPA LLC Certified Public Accountant

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Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB

The Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board of Trustees Great Oaks Legacy Charter School County of Essex, Newark, New Jersey

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### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

### **Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program**

We have audited the Great Oaks Legacy Charter School ("the Charter School"), in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey ("the Charter School") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplements* and *State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Charter School's major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Charter School's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Charter School complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

### Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and 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; audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and audit requirements of New Jersey 0MB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid.

Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program occurred. 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 the Charter School 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 federal and state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Charter School'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, regulation, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Charter School's federal and 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 the Charter School'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 generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey 0MB Circular 15-08 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 omission, misrepresentation, 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 the Charter School's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey 0MB Circular 15-08, we:

• Exercise professional judgement 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 the Charter School'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 the Charter School'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 the U.S.
  Uniform Guidance and New Jersey 0MB Circular 15-08, but not for the purpose of
  expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School'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 federal or state program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal or state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 U.S. Uniform Guidance, State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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January 31, 2024 Newark, New Jersey

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#### Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

### Year ended June 30, 2023

					Year ended June 3	0, 2023									
Federal Grant/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Federal Award Identification Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2022	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2022	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2022	Adjustments	Carryover (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Years' Balances	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2023	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2023	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2023
General Fund: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Pass-Through Program Passed-Through State Department of Education															
Special Education Medicaid Initiative - SEMI	93.778	2005NJ5MAP	7/1/22-6/30/23	\$ 44,473	s -	s -	s -	s -	s -	\$ 44,473	\$ (44,473)	s -	s -	s -	s
Total General Fund/U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Pass-Thro	ough Program	1								44,473	(44,473)			-	
Special Revenue Fund: U.S. Department of Education, Pass-Through Programs: Passed-Through New Jersey State Department of Education															
Title I Part A - FY 2022-2023 Title I Part A - FY 2021-2022 Title I SIA - FY 2022-2023 Subtotal - Title I Grants	84.010A 84.010A 84.424	S010A220030 S010A210030 S010A220030	7/1/22-9/30/23 7/1/21-9/30/22 7/1/22-9/30/23	\$ 1,235,969 1,527,673 19,500	\$ - (41,024) - (41,024)	s -	s -	s -	s -	\$ 1,235,969 41,024 - 1,276,993	\$ (1,235,969) - - - - - - (19,500) (1,255,469)	\$ - -	(19,500)	s -	s 
Title II - FY 2022-2023	84.424	S367A220029	7/1/22-9/30/23	275,110	(41,024)					143,376	(275,110)		(131,734)	-	
Subtotal - Title II Grants										143,376	(275,110)	. ==== '	(131,734)		
Title III - FY 2022-2023 Subtotal - Title III Grants	84.424	S365A220030	7/1/22-9/30/23	20,966							(20,966) (20,966)		(20,966) (20,966)		
Title IV A - FY 2022-2023 Title IV A - FY 2021-2022	84.424 84.424	S424A220031 S424A210031	7/1/22-9/30/23 7/1/22-9/30/23	103,264 98,292	(52,720)	-	-	-	-	- 52,720	(103,264)	-	(103,264)	-	-
Subtotal - Title IV Grants	84.424	S424A210031	//1/22-9/30/23	98,292	(52,720)					52,720	(103,264)	. ====	(103,264)		
IDEA Part B - FY 2022-2023 IDEA Preschool - FY 2022-2023	84.027 84.173	H027A200100 H173A220114	7/1/22-9/30/23 7/1/22-9/30/23	481,590 9.951	-	-	-	-	-	481,590 9,951	(481,590) (9,951)	-	-	-	-
ARP IDEA Basic - FY 2022-2023 - COVID-19 Subtotal - Special Education Grants Cluster	84.027	H027X210100	7/1/22-9/30/23	109,295	(109,295)					109,295	(491,541)				
CRRSA-ESSER II CRRSA-Learning Acceleration	84.425D 84.425D	S425D210027 S425D210027	3/13/20-9/30/23 3/13/20-9/30/23	4,263,290 273,596	(318,431) (179,056)	-	-	-	-	767,804 179,056	(449,373)	-	-	-	-
CRRSA-Mental Health ARP ESEER III	84.425D 84.425D	S425D210027 S425D210027 S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/23 3/13/20-9/30/24	45,000 9,581,470	(3,122,994)	-	-	-	-	9,268,919	(5,627,257)	-	-	518,668	-
ARP ESEER III - Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	84.425D	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	357,385	(23,933)	-	-	-	-	357,385	(333,452)		-	318,008	-
ARP ESEER III - Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Gran ARP ESEER III - Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Grant	84.425D 84.425D	S425U210027 S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24 3/13/20-9/30/24	40,000 40,000	(40,000) (40,000)	-	-	-	-	40,000 40,000	-	-	-	-	-
ARP ESEER III - NJTSS Mental Support Staffing Grant Subtotal - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Cluster	84.425D	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	45,000	(45,000)					45,000 10,698,164	(6,410,082)			518,668	
Total U.S. Department of Education, Passed-Through NJDOE					(3,972,453)					12,772,089	(8,556,432)	. ====	(275,464)	518,668	
Passed-Through South Ward Children's Alliance Promise Neighborhood Promise Neighborhood Grant-Expansion of Tutors Corps	85.215N	Not Available	7/1/22-6/30/23	318,612	-	-	-	-	-	318,612	-	-	-	318,612	-
Promise Neighborhood Grant-Expansion of Tutors Corps	85.215N	Not Available	7/1/21-6/30/22	159,306		27,033	-	(27,033)						-	-
Total U.S. Department of Education, Passed-Through South Ward Children's Allie	ance Promise ?	Neighborhood				27,033		(27,033)		318,612				318,612	
Total U.S. Department of Education, Passed-Through Programs					(3,972,453)	27,033		(27,033)		13,090,701	(8,556,432)	<u> </u>	(275,464)	837,280	
U.S. Department of Education, Direct Program: Charter Schools Grant - Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools - 2022-2023	84.282M	S282M220004	4/1/22-3/31/23	1,162,475	-	-	-	-	-	252,589	(322,417)	-	(69,828)	-	-
Charter Schools - 2021-2022 Total U.S. Department of Education, Direct Programs	84.282M	S282M210004	4/1/21-3/31/22	1,145,115	(307,787)					307,787 560,376	(322,417)		(69,828)		
Total for U.S. Department of Education					(4,280,240)	27,033		(27,033)		13,651,077	(8,878,849)	. === :	(345,292)	837,280	. —
Total Special Revenue					(4,280,240)	27,033	_	(27,033)		13,651,077	(8,878,849)		(345,292)	837,280	
Enterprise Fund: U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-Through New Jersey Dept of Agriculture															
National School Lunch Program National School Lunch Program	10.555 10.555	231NJ304N1199 221NJ304N1099	7/1/22-6/30/23 7/1/21-6/30/22	821,842 996,261	(43,236)	-	-	-	-	798,537 43,236	(821,842)	-	(23,305)	-	-
Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act After School Snacks	10.555 10.555	231NJ304N1199 231NJ304N1199	7/1/22-6/30/23 7/1/22-6/30/23	18,969 41,747		-	-	-	-	18,439 41,725	(18,969) (41,747)	-	(530) (22)	-	
After School Snacks After School Pragrams Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program	10.555 10.555	221NJ304N1099 231NJ304N1199	7/1/21-6/30/22 7/1/22-6/30/23	23,466 102,666	-	-	-	-	-	102,666	(102,666)	-	-	-	-
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 10.555					(43,236)					1,004,603	(985,224)		(23,857)		
School Breakfast Program School Breakfast Program	10.553 10.553	231NJ304N1199 221NJ304N1099	7/1/22-6/30/23 7/1/21-6/30/22	362,104 419,849	(19,902)	-	-	-	-	350,876 19,902	(362,104)	-	(11,228)	-	-
										17,702					
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 10.553	10.555				(19,902)					370,778	(362,104)		(11,228)		
Subtotal Assistance Listing # 10.553  Total Enterprise Fund/Total U.S. Department of Agriculture	10.555				(19,902)					370,778 1,375,381	(362,104)	==	(11,228)		=

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

### Schedule of Expenditures of State Awards

### Year ended June 30, 2023

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2022	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2022	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2022	Adjustments	Carryover (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Years' Balances	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2022	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2022	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2022
State Department of Education														
General Fund:														
Equalization Aid	23-495-034-5120-078	7/1/22-6/30/23	\$31,861,171	\$ -	\$ -	S -	S -	\$ -	\$ 33,015,459	\$ (31,861,171)		\$ (1,084,910)	\$ -	\$ 69,378
Equalization Aid	22-495-034-5120-078	7/1/21-6/30/22	28,201,233	(650,735)	-	533,943	-	-	650,735	-	(533,943)	-	-	-
Special Education Aid	23-495-034-5120-089	7/1/22-6/30/23	1,558,450	-	-	-	-	-	1,558,450	(1,558,450)	-	-	-	-
Security Aid	23-495-034-5120-084	7/1/22-6/30/23	856,166	-	-	-	-	-	856,166	(856,166)	-	-	-	-
State Adjustment Aid	23-495-034-5120-085	7/1/22-6/30/23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TPAF/FICA Reimbursements	23-495-034-5095-002	7/1/22-6/30/23	627,423	-	-	-	-	-	548,979	(627,423)	-	(78,444)	-	-
TPAF/FICA Reimbursements	22-495-034-5095-002	7/1/21-6/30/22	702,509	(63,170)	-	-	-	-	63,170	-	-	-	-	-
TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution	23-495-034-5094-001	7/1/22-6/30/23	892,679	-	-	-	-	-	892,679	(892,679)	-	-	-	-
TPAF Pension Contribution - Normal & NCGI	23-495-034-5094-002	7/1/22-6/30/23	3,398,124	-	-	-	-	-	3,398,124	(3,398,124)	-	-	-	-
TPAF Pension Contribution - Long-Term Disability Insurance	23-495-034-5094-004	7/1/22-6/30/23	3,705						3,705	(3,705)				
Total General Fund				(713,905)		533,943			40,987,467	(39,197,718)	(533,943)	(1,163,354)		69,378
Special Revenue Fund:									-					
Preschool Education Aid	23-495-034-5123-086	7/1/22-6/30/23	800,962						728,038	(800,962)		(72,924)		
Preschool Education Aid	22-495-034-5122-086	7/1/21-6/30/22	818,123	(67,593)	-				67,593	(800,902)		(72,924)		
Charter & Renaissance School Project Emergent and Capital Maintenance Fur	23-495-034-5120-128	7/1/22-6/30/23	448,050	(07,393)	-	-	-	142,785	305,265	(448,050)	-	-	-	-
Charter & Renaissance School Project Emergent and Capital Maintenance Fur Charter & Renaissance School Project Emergent and Capital Maintenance Fur	22-495-034-5120-128	7/1/21-6/30/22	142,785		142,785			(142,785)	303,203	(440,050)			-	-
Total Special Revenue Fund	22-493-034-3120-126	//1/21=0/30/22	142,783	(67,593)	142,785			(142,783)	1,100,896	(1,249,012)	<del></del>	(72,924)	<u>:</u>	
Total Special Revenue Fund				(07,393)	142,703				1,100,890	(1,249,012)		(72,724)		
<b>Total State Department of Education</b>				(781,498)	142,785	533,943	-		42,088,363	(40,446,730)	(533,943)	(1,236,278)	-	69,378
State Department of Agriculture														
Enterprise Fund:														
State School lunch program	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	21,648	-	-	-	-	-	21,027	(21,648)	-	(621)	-	-
State School lunch program	22-100-010-3350-023	7/1/21-6/30/22	23,592	(1,064)	-	-	-	-	1,064		-	-	-	-
State School breakfast program	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	20,219	-	-	-	-	-	19,580	(20,219)	-	(639)	-	-
Total Enterprise Fund				(1,064)		-			41,671	(41,867)		(1,260)		
Total State Financial Assistance				\$ (782,562)	\$ 142,785	\$ 533,943	s -	\$ -	\$ 42,130,034	(40,488,597)	\$(533,943)	\$ (1,237,538)	\$ -	\$ 69,378
Less Amounts Not Subject to Single Audit:														
TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution										892,679				
TPAF Pension Contribution - Normal & NCGI										3,398,124				
TPAF Pension Contribution - Long-Term Disability Insurance										3,705				
Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Subject to Single Audit										\$ (36,194,089)				

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

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### Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Year Ended June 30, 2023

### 1. General

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance present the activity of all expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance of the Charter School. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal awards and state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

### 2. Basis of Accounting

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

### 3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with amounts reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements and 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 fiscal year, whereas for GAAP reporting, revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or expenditures have been made. The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis, which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to GAAP basis is \$-0-for the general fund and \$-0- for the special revenue fund. See Note 1 (the Notes to Required Supplementary Information) for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds (C-3).

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Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance Year Ended June 30, 2023

### 3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements - continued

Federal awards and state financial assistance revenues are reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

	 Federal	 State	 Total
General Fund	\$ 44,473	\$ 39,197,718	\$ 39,242,191
Special Revenue Fund	8,878,849	1,249,012	10,127,861
Enterprise Fund	1,347,328	 41,867	 1,389,195
Total	\$ 10,270,650	\$ 40,488,597	\$ 50,759,247

### 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.

### 5. Other Information

TPAF Social Security contribution in the amount of \$627,423 represents the amount reimbursed by the State for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The amount reported as TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the Pension System Contributions, Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and Long-Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions in the amount of \$4,294,508 represents the amount paid by the State on behalf of the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

### 6. On Behalf Programs Not Subject to State Single Audit

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

### 7. De Minimis Indirect Cost

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

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2023

# Part I Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial	Statements	Section

Type of auditors' report issued:	<u>Unmodified</u>					
Internal control over financial reporting:						
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes	No				
Significant deficiencies identified?	Yes	None reported				
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	Yes	No				
Federal Awards:						
Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:	Unmo	<u>odified</u>				
Internal control over major programs:						
Material weaknesses identified?	Yes	No				
Significant deficiencies identified?	Yes	None reported				
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	Yes	No				
84.010A S010A220030 Titl 84.282M S282M220004 Cha 84.425D S425D210027 CRI	ederal Prograr e I, Part A arter Schools ( RSA-ESSER- P-ESSER-III	Grant				
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B pr	ograms: <u>\$750.</u>	.000				
Auditee qualifies as low-risk auditee?	<u>✓ Y</u> es	No				

### (County of Essex) Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2023

# Part I Summary of Auditors' Results

### **State Financial Assistance Section**

llar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs:			\$750,000	
Auditee qualifies as low-risk auditee?	<u> </u>	_Yes		_ No
Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:	<u>Unmodified</u>			
Internal control over major programs:				
Material weaknesses identified?		_Yes	<b>~</b>	No
Significant deficiencies identified?		_Yes	_	None reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with NJ OMB Circulars 15-08 as applicable?		_Yes		. No
Identification of Major Programs:				
State Grant/Program Number(s)	Name of State Program or Cluster			
23-495-034-5120-078 23-495-034-5120-089 23-495-034-5120-084	Equalization Aid Special Education Aid Security Aid			

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Year Ended June 30, 2023

# Part II – Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

**NONE** 

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2023

### Part III – Schedule of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance

**NONE** 

# (County of Essex) Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings Year Ended June 30, 2023

There were no prior year's audit findings.