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**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE
FINANCIAL REPORT**

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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Ewing Township, New Jersey***

***Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023***

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EWING TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION



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December 5, 2023

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School
Ewing Township, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School (Charter School) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Board of Trustees (the "Board"). To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the basic financial statements and results of operations of the various funds of the Charter School. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain understanding of the Charter School's financial activities have been included.

This report will provide the taxpayers whose funding flows to the Charter School with comprehensive financial data in a format enabling them to gain an understanding of the Charter School's financial affairs.

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

- The Introductory Section contains a table of contents, Letter of Transmittal, List of Principal Officials, and an Organizational Chart of the Charter School;
- The Financial Section begins with the Independent Auditors' Report and includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and Notes providing an overview of the Charter School's financial position and operating results, and other schedules providing detailed budgetary information;
- The Statistical Section includes selected economic and demographic information, financial trends, and the fiscal capacity of the Charter School, generally presented on a multi-year basis;
- The Single Audit Section — The Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit 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 audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; the

New Jersey State Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Information related to this single audit, including the independent auditor’s report on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, along with findings and questioned costs, are included in the single audit section of this report.

Charter School Organization

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

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

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

The Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School provides a full range of educational services appropriate to grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. These services include regular, as well as special education and basic skills instruction. The Charter School completed the 2022-2023 school year with an enrollment of 579 students. The middle school, which is located in Trenton, houses students in grades 6-8 and has a capacity of 275 students. The high school, which houses students in grades 9-12 and has a capacity of 450 students, will remain in Ewing. The following details the changes in the student enrollment of the Charter School over the last five years:

<u>Average Daily Enrollment</u>	
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>
2022-2023	579.68
2021-2022	562.19
2020-2021	593.18
2019-2020	598.63
2018-2019	554.56

2) **MAJOR INITIATIVES:** Major initiatives for the 2022-2023 school year centered on activities associated with the continued implementation of the charter school's program and the challenges of the school's growth expansion for year eight of operation. Specifically, the following were areas of focus for operational activity:

- fiscal controls/compliance and financial stability
- increasing student enrollment
- expanding staff to accommodate program growth and student needs
- building competency in staff to perform required deliverables
- providing systemic professional development for staff
- institutionalizing the school's discipline and academic culture
- promoting student achievement outcomes/improving program design.

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

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

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

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

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

5) **CASH MANAGEMENT:** The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Basic Financial Statement" Note 2. The Charter School had adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit

Protection Act (“GUDPA”). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Government Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.


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

7) **OTHER INFORMATION:**

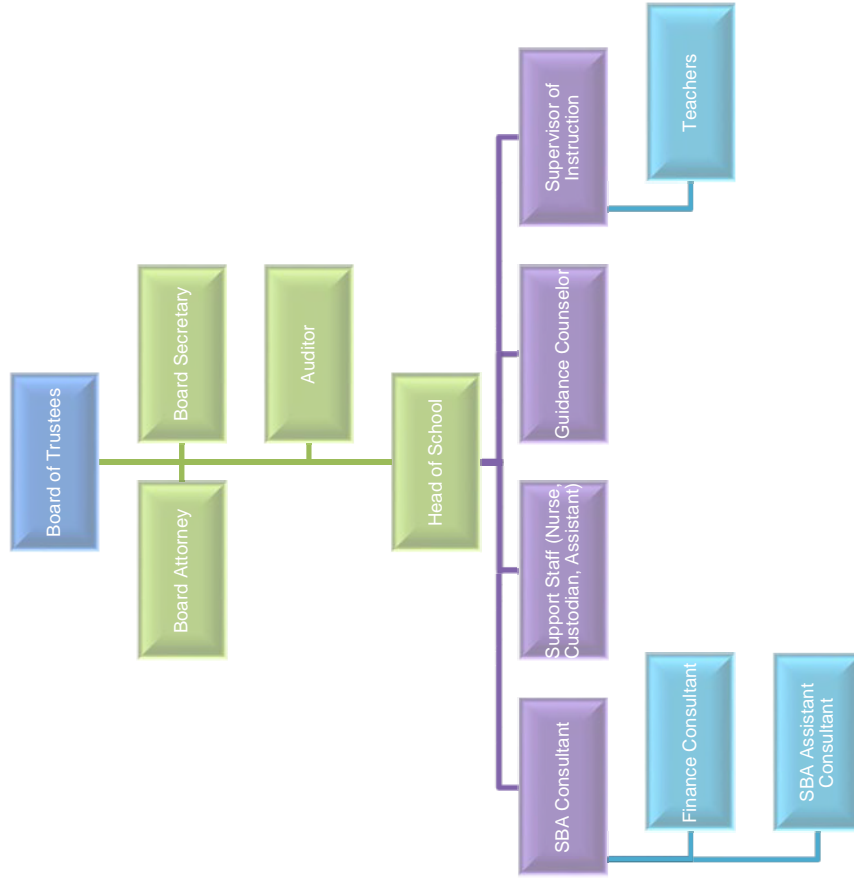
Independent Audit – State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Barre & Company LLC, Certified Public Accountants, was selected by the Board. In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in State statutes, 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 the New Jersey State Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. The auditor’s report on the basic financial statements and specific required supplemental information 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Leigh Byron, Ed.D.
Founder

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**TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
EWING TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

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JUNE 30, 2023**

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

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

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. 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 Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment 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 Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School'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 Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

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

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

Other Information


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

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

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 2023 on our consideration of the Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


BARRE & COMPANY LLC
Certified Public Accountants
Public School Accountants


Richard M. Barre, CPA
Public School Accountant
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Union, New Jersey
December 5, 2023

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

**TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
EWING TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

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

As management of the Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School ("Charter School"), we offer readers of the Charter School's financial statements this narrative discussion, overview, and analysis of the financial activities of the Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented, in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal.

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 Statements – 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 presented in the MD&A as required by GASB Statement No. 34.

Financial Highlights

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- ❖ Total net position of the governmental activities and business-type activities is \$1,234,346 at June 30, 2023. It is comprised of both current and deferred outflows of resources less deferred inflows of resources and current and outstanding long-term liabilities.
- ❖ General revenues accounted for \$15,164,376 of total revenues or 96% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and operating grants and contributions accounted for \$619,173 or 4% of total revenues of \$15,783,549.
- ❖ The Charter School had \$15,659,227 in expenses; only \$619,173 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$15,164,376 were not adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❖ Among major funds, the General Fund had \$11,933,651 in revenues and \$11,618,626 in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance increased \$315,025 over 2022.

Using this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

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

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Charter School's basic financial statements. The Charter School's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This document also contains required and supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
EWING TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
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(CONTINUED)**

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Charter School's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and liabilities of the Charter School, with the difference between them reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Charter School is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the net position of the Charter School changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements can be found starting on page 26 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Charter School, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Charter School can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financial decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

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Governmental Funds (Continued)

The Charter School maintains two individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund and special revenue fund, all of which are considered to be major funds.

The Charter School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and special revenue fund. Budgetary comparison statements have been provided as required supplementary information for the general fund and the special revenue fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found starting on page 30 of this report.

Proprietary Funds

The Charter School maintains proprietary fund types in the form of enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Charter School uses enterprise funds to account for the operations of its food service which is considered a major fund of the Charter School. Enterprise funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

The proprietary fund financial statements can be found starting on page 34 of this report.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the governmental entity. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Charter School's own programs.

The Charter School uses agency funds to account for resources held for student activities and groups and payroll related liabilities. Because of the implementation of GASB 84, all of the Charter School's fiduciary funds were determined to be more appropriately reported in the governmental funds. We now include these activities as part of the district-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the basic financial statements can be found starting on page 38 of this report.

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Other Information

The required supplementary information and combining statements referred to earlier in connection with governmental funds and proprietary funds are presented immediately following the notes to the basic financial statements. Combining and individual fund statements and schedules can be found starting on page 80 of this report.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Charter School's financial statements, including the portion of the Charter School's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

**Major Features of the Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School's
Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements
(Figure A-1)**

	Government-Wide Statements	Fund Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire Charter School (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Charter School that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as regular and special education and building maintenance	Activities the Charter School operates similar to private businesses: Food Service Fund	Instances in which the Charter School is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources, such as payroll agency and student activities
Required financial statements	Statement of net position Statement of activities	Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance	Statement of net position Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position Statement of cash flows	Statement of fiduciary net position Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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The Charter School as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the Charter School as a whole. Net position may serve as an indicator of a government's financial position. However, as noted earlier, net position is not the primary basis for decision making for each budget cycle.

The Charter School's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

The following table provides a summary of net position relating to the Charter School's governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

**Table 1
Net Position**

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,898,574	\$ 4,480,991
Capital Assets	<u>1,775,857</u>	<u>2,234,916</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,674,431</u>	<u>6,715,907</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Related to Pensions	<u>985,548</u>	<u>1,474,410</u>
Liabilities		
Account and Other Payables	740,602	1,623,556
Other Current Liabilities	24,704	40,000
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>4,141,729</u>	<u>4,256,665</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,907,035</u>	<u>5,920,221</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Related to Pensions	<u>518,598</u>	<u>1,160,072</u>
Net Position		
Restricted	612	612
Unrestricted	<u>1,233,734</u>	<u>1,109,412</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,234,346</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,024</u>

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The Charter School as a Whole (Continued)

The net pension liability recorded as of June 30, 2023 is the result of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date — an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. The increase of \$332,602 from the prior year relates to changes in the actuarial assumptions from the prior year and the pension funding status of the State of New Jersey.

The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the Charter School's ongoing obligations to the community they provide program services and creditors.

Charter School Activities

The key elements of the Charter School's changes in net position for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

**Table 2
Changes in Net Position**

	2023	2022
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 2,622	\$ 2,560
Operating Grants and Contributions	616,551	563,285
General Revenues:		
General Purposes	7,939,918	8,017,018
Grants and Entitlements	6,579,919	5,288,393
Other	<u>644,539</u>	<u>159,591</u>
Total Revenues	<u>15,783,549</u>	<u>14,030,847</u>
Program Expenses		
Instruction	4,238,059	4,582,668
Administration	7,576,761	7,180,383
Support Services	2,959,563	1,853,497
Capital Outlay	95,577	81,827
Interest on Long-Term Debt	112,407	170,153
Unallocated Amortization	459,059	459,059
Food Service	<u>217,801</u>	<u>132,939</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>15,659,227</u>	<u>14,460,526</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>\$ 124,322</u>	<u>\$ (429,679)</u>

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Charter School Activities (Continued)

The increase in revenues is attributed to combining changes in revenue related to the local, state, and federal aid and GASB 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which were contributions made on behalf of the Charter School by the State for post-employment health benefits.

The increase in program expenses is attributed to combining changes in expenses related to certain expenses due to the Charter School receiving local, state, and federal aid, the allocation of TPAF Social Security and Pension expenses due to the GASB 68 valuation, and post-employment health benefit expenses related to GASB 75.

Governmental Activities

The Charter School's total revenues were \$15,564,976 for the year ended June 30, 2023 and \$13,895,682 for 2022. Federal, state, and local grants and state aid accounted for 45% for 2023 and 41% for 2022 of revenues which includes \$1,663,378 for 2023 and \$1,704,947 for 2022 of state reimbursed TPAF social security contributions and on-behalf TPAF pension, post-retirement medical, and long-term disability insurance contributions.

The total cost of all program and services was \$15,043,076 for 2023 and \$13,896,867 for 2022. Instruction comprises 28% for 2023 and 33% for 2022 of Charter School expenses.

The *Statement of Activities* shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student, including extracurricular activities.

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

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

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

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Business-Type Activities

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

- ❖ Food service revenues exceeded expenses by \$772 for 2023 and \$2,226 for 2022.
- ❖ Charges for services represent \$372 for 2023 and none for 2022. This represents amounts paid by patrons for daily food.
- ❖ Federal and state reimbursements for meals, including payments for free and reduced breakfast and lunches were \$218,201 for 2023 and \$135,125 for 2022.

The Charter School's Funds

All governmental funds (i.e., general fund and special revenue fund presented in the fund-based statements) are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues amounted to \$14,432,312 for 2023 and \$12,334,616 for 2022 and expenditures were \$14,117,287 for 2023 and \$15,205,166 for 2022. The net change in fund balance was most significant in the general fund, an increase of \$315,025 for 2023 and a decrease of \$13,681 for 2022.

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

Revenues	Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2022	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Local Sources	\$ 8,586,707	59.50%	\$ 407,578	5%
State Sources	3,482,877	24.13%	757,406	28%
Federal Sources	2,362,728	16.37%	932,712	65%
Total	\$ 14,432,312	100.00%	\$ 2,097,696	

Local, State, and Federal Sources increased due to additional aid and grants funding.

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The Charter School's Funds (Continued)

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

Expenditures	Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2022	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Instruction	\$ 3,326,328	23.57%	\$ (176,691)	-5%
Administration	7,175,874	50.83%	692,626	11%
Support Services	2,959,563	20.96%	1,106,066	60%
Capital Outlay	655,522	4.64%	(2,709,880)	-81%
Total	<u>\$ 14,117,287</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ (1,087,879)</u>	

Changes in expenditures were the result of varying factors. Current expense increased due to salary increases, additional staff and students, and increased health benefits and utility costs.

General Fund Budgeting Highlights

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

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

TPAF, which is the state's contribution to the pension fund, is neither a revenue item nor an expenditure item to the Charter School but is required to be reflected in the financial statements.

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

The Charter School had \$1,775,857 invested in right-of-use leased assets at the end of the fiscal year 2023 and \$2,234,916 for 2022.

Debt Administration

The Charter School's net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$2,151,845 and \$1,819,243, respectively. It also has leased liabilities of \$1,989,884 and \$2,437,422 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. For more detailed information, please refer to the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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For the Future

The Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School is in good financial condition presently. The Charter School is proud of its community support. A major concern is the continued enrollment growth of the Charter School with the increased reliance on federal and state funding.

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

Contacting the Charter School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Charter School's finances and to show the Charter School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Dr. Leigh Byron, Founder, at Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School, 1555 Pennington Road, Ewing Township, New Jersey 08618.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SECTION A – CHARTER SCHOOL-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Unrestricted	\$ 2,307,084	\$ 12,096	\$ 2,319,180
Restricted	6,379		6,379
Receivables	1,534,889	12,126	1,547,015
Prepaid Expenses	26,000		26,000
Right-Of-Use Leased Assets, Net	1,775,857		1,775,857
	<u>5,650,209</u>	<u>24,222</u>	<u>5,674,431</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Related to Pensions	985,548		985,548
	<u>985,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>985,548</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable	730,454	10,148	740,602
Deferred Revenue	24,704		24,704
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	285,742		285,742
Due Beyond One Year:			
Other Long-Term Liabilities	1,704,142		1,704,142
Net Pension Liability	2,151,845		2,151,845
	<u>4,896,887</u>	<u>10,148</u>	<u>4,907,035</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Related to Pensions	518,598		518,598
	<u>518,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>518,598</u>
NET POSITION:			
Restricted for:			
Student Activities	612		612
Unassigned	1,219,660	14,074	1,233,734
	<u>1,220,272</u>	<u>14,074</u>	<u>1,234,346</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,220,272</u>	<u>\$ 14,074</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,346</u>

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Statement of Activities
 For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Indirect Expenses Allocation	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Position		
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:								
Instruction	\$ 3,326,328	\$ 911,731	\$ -	\$ 398,350	\$ -	\$ (3,839,709)	\$ -	\$ (3,839,709)
Administration	5,998,498	1,578,263				(7,576,761)		(7,576,761)
Support Services	2,959,563		2,250 *			(2,957,313)		(2,957,313)
Capital Outlay	95,577					(95,577)		(95,577)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	112,407					(112,407)		(112,407)
Unallocated Amortization	459,059					(459,059)		(459,059)
Total Governmental Activities	12,951,432	\$ 2,489,994	2,250	398,350	-	(15,040,826)	-	(15,040,826)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:								
Food Service	217,801		372	218,201			772	772
Total Business-Type Activities	217,801		372	218,201			772	772
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 13,169,233</u>		<u>\$ 2,622</u>	<u>\$ 616,551</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (15,040,826)</u>	<u>\$ 772</u>	<u>\$ (15,040,054)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES								
General Purposes						\$ 7,939,918	\$ -	\$ 7,939,918
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted						6,579,919		6,579,919
Miscellaneous Income						644,539		644,539
Total General Revenues						<u>15,164,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,164,376</u>
Change in Net Position						123,550	772	124,322
Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning						1,096,722	13,302	1,110,024
Net Position - Ending						<u>\$ 1,220,272</u>	<u>\$ 14,074</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,346</u>

* student activity revenue is reported as "charges for services"

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

SECTION B – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:			
Unrestricted	\$ 2,907,273 *	\$ -	\$ 2,907,273
Restricted	6,379		6,379
Receivables:			
Interfund Receivables:			
Special Revenue Fund	3,245		3,245
Receivables From Other Governments	620,366	914,523	1,534,889
Prepaid Expenses	26,000		26,000
	<u>\$ 3,563,263</u>	<u>\$ 914,523</u>	<u>\$ 4,477,786</u>
Total Assets			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ 600,189 *	\$ 600,189
Interfund Payables:			
General Fund		3,245	3,245
Accounts Payable	184,306	285,773	470,079
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	80,565 **		80,565
Deferred Revenue		24,704	24,704
	<u>264,871</u>	<u>913,911</u>	<u>1,178,782</u>
Total Liabilities			
Fund Balances:			
Restricted For:			
Student Activities		612	612
Unassigned:			
General Fund	3,298,392		3,298,392
	<u>3,298,392</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>3,299,004</u>
Total Fund Balances			
	<u>\$ 3,563,263</u>	<u>\$ 914,523</u>	

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. The cost of the assets is \$3,723,462 and the accumulated depreciation is \$1,947,605.	1,775,857
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.	(1,989,884)
Some liabilities, including net pension obligations, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(2,151,845)
Accrued pension contributions for the June 30, 2023 plan year end are not paid with current economic resources and are therefore not reported as a liability in the funds, but are included in accounts payable in the government-wide statement of net position.	(179,810)
Deferred outflows and inflows or resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	985,548
Deferred inflows related to pensions	(518,598)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 1,220,272

* Include former fiduciary fund cash and cash equivalents

** Include payroll deductions payable

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Governmental Funds
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
REVENUES:			
Local Sources:			
Local Tax Levy	\$ 7,939,918	\$ -	\$ 7,939,918
Miscellaneous	604,539	42,250 *	646,789
Total Local Sources	8,544,457	42,250	8,586,707
State Sources	3,387,300	95,577	3,482,877
Federal Sources	1,894	2,360,834	2,362,728
Total Revenues	11,933,651	2,498,661	14,432,312
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	2,394,246	932,082	3,326,328
Administration	7,175,874		7,175,874
Support Services	1,488,561	1,471,002 **	2,959,563
Capital Outlay	559,945	95,577	655,522
Total Expenditures	11,618,626	2,498,661	14,117,287
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	315,025	-	315,025
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	2,983,367	612	2,983,979
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 3,298,392	\$ 612	\$ 3,299,004

* Special revenue fund now includes revenues from student activities

** Special revenue fund now includes expenditures from student activities

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 And Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
 To the Statement of Activities
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total net change in fund balances - governmental fund (from B-2)	\$ 315,025
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:	
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, on the statement of activities, the cost of those assets which are capitalized are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current fiscal year.</p>	
Amortization Expense	(459,059)
<p>Some items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in government funds. The increase in capital leases is a reduction to the reconciliation. The decrease in capital leases is an addition to the reconciliation.</p>	
	447,538
<p>Pension costs associated with the PERS pension plan are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures in the year the school pension contribution is paid. However, on the statement of activities, the net difference between the current and prior year net pension liability is recognized.</p>	
	<u>(179,954)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 123,550</u></u>

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PROPRIETARY FUNDS

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Proprietary Fund
 Statement of Net Position
 June 30, 2023

		Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund
		<u>Food Service Programs</u>
		<u>School Nutrition</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	12,096
Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable:		
Federal		11,943
State		183
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Total Assets	\$	<u>24,222</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$	10,148
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Total Liabilities		10,148
Net Position:		
Unassigned		14,074
		<hr/>
Total Net Position		14,074
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Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	<u>24,222</u>

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Proprietary Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities		
	Enterprise Fund		
	Food Service Programs		
	School Nutrition	Fixed Contract Price	Total Enterprise
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Charges for Services:			
Daily Sales - Program (Reimbursable Program) Meals	\$ 372	\$ -	\$ 372
Daily Sales - Non-Program (Non-Reimbursable Program) Meals	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenues	<u>372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>372</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Cost of Sales - Program (Reimbursable Program) Meals	217,801	-	217,801
Cost of Sales - Non-Program (Non-Reimbursable Program) Meals	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	<u>217,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,801</u>
OPERATING LOSS	<u>(217,429)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(217,429)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES:			
State Source:			
State School Lunch Programs	3,479		3,479
Federal Source:			
National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs	<u>214,722</u>		<u>214,722</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues	<u>218,201</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218,201</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	<u>772</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>772</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, JULY 1	<u>13,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,302</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION, JUNE 30	<u>\$ 14,074</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,074</u>

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Proprietary Fund
 Statement of Cash Flows
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business-Type Activities Enterprise Fund
	Food Service Programs
	School Nutrition
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ (2)
Cash Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(222,318)
	(222,320)
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities	(222,320)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received From State And Federal Reimbursements	218,201
	218,201
Net Cash Provided By Noncapital Financing Activities	218,201
Net Decrease In Cash And Cash Equivalents	(4,119)
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Beginning Of Year	16,215
	16,215
Cash And Cash Equivalents, End Of Year	\$ 12,096
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:	
Operating Loss Used in Operating Activities	\$ (217,429)
Change In Assets And Liabilities:	
Increase In Receivables From Other Governments	(374)
Decrease In Accounts Payable	(4,517)
	(4,891)
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities	\$ (222,320)

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

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

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

A. Reporting Entity

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

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School management. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, and ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters.

The combined financial statements include all funds and account groups for the Charter School over which the Board of Trustees' exercises operating control.

B. Basis of Presentation

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

Charter School-wide Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the overall Charter School, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activity of the Charter School. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activity of the Charter School at fiscal year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activity of the Charter School and for

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

each function of the Charter School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Charter School. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Charter School.

Fund Financial Statements: During the fiscal year, the Charter School segregates transactions related to certain Charter School functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. The fund financial statements provide information about the Charter School's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category — *governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary* — are presented. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has elected to require New Jersey Charter Schools to treat each governmental fund as a major fund in accordance with the option noted in GASB No. 34, paragraph 76. The NJDOE believes that the presentation of all funds as major is important for public interest and to promote consistency among Charter School financial reporting models.

The Charter School reports the following governmental funds:

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

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Charter School includes budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 grounds, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to Current Expense by Board resolution.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

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June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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 are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

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

Debt Service Fund: Not applicable.

The Charter School reports the following proprietary fund:

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

Additionally, the Charter School reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary Funds: The Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the Charter School on behalf of others and includes Student Activities Fund, Payroll and Payroll Agency Funds.

In January 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 84 – Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local government, including New Jersey school districts and their charter schools. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, or fiscal year 2020-2021. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. After considering the criteria and guidance, it was determined that payroll, payroll agency, and unemployment compensation insurance, previously reported as fiduciary funds, that such activities are more appropriately reported in a general fund. Additionally, the Charter School previously reported the activity of the student activity fund as a fiduciary fund. Beginning in fiscal year 2020-2021, such activity are more appropriately reported in a special revenue fund.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

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

C. Basis of Accounting – Measurement Focus

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

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

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determined and “available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

All governmental and business-type activities and enterprise funds of the Charter School follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

D. Budgets/Budgetary Control

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general and special revenue funds. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting except for special revenue funds. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. All budget amendments/transfers must be approved by School Board resolution. All budget amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year).

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Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Budgets/Budgetary Control (Continued)

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

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

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

The following presents a reconciliation of the Special Revenue Funds from the budgetary basis of accounting to the GAAP basis of accounting:

Total Revenues & Expenditures (Budgetary Basis)	\$2,498,661
Adjustments:	
Less Encumbrances at June 30, 2023	-
Plus Encumbrances at June 30, 2022	-
Total Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$2,498,661</u>

E. Encumbrances Accounting

Under encumbrance accounting purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds other than the special revenues fund are reported as reservations of fund balances at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

F. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Interfund Transactions:

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

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

Inventories:

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

Prepaid Expenses:

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

Capital Assets:

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

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

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

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

Unearned Revenue:

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

Accrued Liabilities and Long-term Obligations:

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

Accrued Salaries and Wages:

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

Net Position:

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Charter School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

The Charter School's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

Fund Balance Reserves:

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

Revenues — Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions:

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

Revenues — Exchange and Nonexchange Transactions (Continued)

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Charter School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Charter School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Charter School on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: property taxes available as an advance, interest, and tuition.

Operating Revenues and Expenses:

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

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

Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

Allocation of Indirect Expenses:

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

Extraordinary and Special Items:

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

Management Estimates:

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

G. Pensions

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

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

H. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

During fiscal year 2023, the Charter School has adopted the following GASB statements.

GASB No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements*. The objective of this Statement will be to improve financial reporting by establishing a definition for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) and providing uniform guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. That definition and uniform guidance will result in greater consistency in practice. Establishing the capitalization criteria for implementation costs also will reduce diversity and improve comparability in financial reporting by governments. This Statement also will enhance the relevance and reliability of a government's financial statements by requiring a government to report a subscription asset and subscription liability for a SBITA and to disclose essential information about the arrangement. The disclosures will allow users to understand the scale and important aspects of a government's SBITA activities and evaluate a government's obligations and assets resulting from SBITAs.

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

GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*. The objectives of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve the consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

Other GASB Statements that the Charter School is currently reviewing for applicability and potential impact on the financial statements include:

GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an amendment of GASE Statement No. 62*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

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

GASB Statement No. 3 requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Board in its cash, cash equivalents and investments. Category 1 includes deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered deposits/investments held by a broker or dealer, or held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent but not in the Board's name. These categories are not broad representations that deposits or investments are "safe" or "unsafe".

Deposits

New Jersey statutes require that charter schools deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. Charter schools are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

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

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Investments

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

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

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating				
Account	<u>\$ 2,913,652</u>	<u>\$ (600,189)</u>	<u>\$ 12,096</u>	<u>\$ 2,325,559</u>

The investments recorded in the statements have been recorded at amortized cost. In accordance with GASB 31, participating interest earning investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less may be reported at amortized cost. For those securities purchased more than one year from the maturity date, the difference between the carrying amount and market value is not material to the Charter school-wide statements. The carrying amount of the Board's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2023 was \$2,325,559 and the bank balance was \$2,394,129. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes.

Risk Category

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

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

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

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

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June 30, 2023

NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONTINUED)

Risk Category (Continued)

As of June 30, 2023, the Board had funds invested and on deposit in checking accounts. These funds constitute “deposits with financial institutions” as defined by GASB Statement No. 3 and are classified as Category 1, both at year-end and throughout the year.

New Jersey Cash Management Fund

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

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

NOTE 3: RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2023 consisted of accounts, intergovernmental grants, and miscellaneous.

All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental receivables follow:

	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		Total Governmental Activities	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	Total Business Type Activities	Total
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund		Food Service Fund		
State Aid	\$ 91,546	\$ -	\$ 91,546	\$ 183	\$ 183	\$ 91,729
Federal Aid	-	914,523	914,523	11,943	11,943	926,466
Other	<u>528,820</u>	-	<u>528,820</u>	-	-	<u>528,820</u>
Gross Receivables	620,366	914,523	1,534,889	12,126	12,126	1,547,015
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receivables, Net	<u>\$ 620,366</u>	<u>\$ 914,523</u>	<u>\$ 1,534,889</u>	<u>\$ 12,126</u>	<u>\$ 12,126</u>	<u>\$ 1,547,015</u>

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NOTE 4: INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES

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

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

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 3,245	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund		3,245
Total	\$ 3,245	\$ 3,245

NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</i>				
Right-Of-Use Leased Asset	\$ 3,723,462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,723,462
Totals at Historical Cost	3,723,462	-	-	3,723,462
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Right-Of-Use Leased Asset	1,488,546	459,059	-	1,947,605
Total Accumulated Depreciation	1,488,546	459,059	-	1,947,605
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	2,234,916	(459,059)	-	1,775,857
Government Activity Capital Assets, Net	\$ 2,234,916	\$ (459,059)	\$ -	\$ 1,775,857

The governmental fund balance sheet includes a reconciliation between fund balance-total governmental funds and net position-governmental activities as reported in the Charter School-wide statement of net position. One item of that reconciliation explains that capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. An addition to the fund balance-total governmental funds is made to reflect the carrying value of the Charter School's capital assets at year-end in the Charter School-wide financial statements.

The Charter School has recorded a right-of-use leased asset. The asset is right-of-use asset for leased school facility. The related leases are discussed in the leases subsection of the liabilities section of this note. The right-of-use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases.

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NOTE 6: RENTAL LEASE

High School Lease

In June 2015, the Charter School signed a lease agreement with Incarnation-St. James Catholic Church to rent its school facilities at 1555 Pennington Road, Ewing, New Jersey for a period of four (4) years commencing September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2019. The total rent is \$1,170,000 which shall accrue at the yearly rate of (Year 1) \$180,000, (Year 2) \$270,000, and (Years 3-4) \$360,000 payable in equal monthly installments of (Year 1) \$18,000, (Year 2) \$27,000, and (Years 3-4) \$36,000. The lease has the option to renew for another five (5) years. The lease was renewed with the same terms and payments.

Middle School Lease

In May 2018, the Charter School signed a lease agreement with Blessed Sacrament-Our Lady of the Divine Shepard Parish to rent its school facilities at 720 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey for a period of five (5) years commencing August 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2023. The total rent is \$945,000 which shall accrue at the yearly rate of (Year 1) \$135,000 and (Year 2-5) \$202,500 payable in ten (10) monthly installments from August to May of (Year 1) \$13,500 and (Year 2-5) \$20,250. The lease has the option to renew for another five (5) years.

Administration Building Lease

In August 2017, the Charter School signed a license agreement for the use of the facilities with Incarnation-St. James Catholic Church to rent its second floor and basement area at 45 Harrop Place, Ewing, New Jersey for a period of ten (10) months commencing August 15, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 for a total rent of \$55,000. The second floor will be used primarily for office use of staff and the basement will be used primarily for storage of equipment such as robotics and athletic equipment. The lease was renewed for another year with the same terms and payments.

Total lease payments for the year ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$610,570.

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NOTE 7: OBLIGATIONS UNDER EQUIPMENT LEASE

On September 2017, the Charter School leased two (2) copier machines for sixty (60) months with monthly payments in the amount of \$699. Total lease payments made during the year ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$2,097.

NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS

A substantial number of the Charter School's employees participate in one of the following defined benefit pension plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund ("TPAF") and the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). In addition, several Charter School employees participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program ("DCRP"), which is a defined contribution pension plan. This plan is administered by Prudential Financial for the Division. Each plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to:

State of New Jersey
Division of Pensions and Benefits
P.O. Box 295
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295
<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions>.

A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Plan Description

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees; Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the PERS, please refer to the Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

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

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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62 and Tier 5 with 30 more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a members retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

Contributions

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

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment and any such amounts will not be included in their unfunded liability. The actuaries will determine the unfunded liability of those retirement systems, by employer, for the reduced normal and accrued liability contributions provided under this law. This unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. Charter School contributions to PERS amounted to \$179,810 for fiscal year 2023.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

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

At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported a liability of \$2,151,845 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 used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2021 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2022 measurement date, the Charter School's proportion allocation percentage was 0.0142587750%, which was a decrease of 0.0010980270% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$359,764, in the government-wide financial statements. This pension expense was based on the pension plan's June 30, 2022 measurement date.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<u>Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 15,531	\$ 13,696
Changes in Assumptions	6,667	322,216
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	89,063	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between Charter School Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	694,477	182,686
Charter School Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>179,810</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 985,548</u>	<u>\$ 518,598</u>

\$179,810, included in deferred outflows of resources, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

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

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2023	\$ (184,583)
2024	(94,039)
2025	(45,861)
2026	100,051
2027	(219)
	\$ (224,651)

Changes in Proportion

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.04, 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, 5.63, and 5.48 years for the 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017, respectively.

The amortization of the other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	5.48 years	-
June 30, 2018	-	5.63 years
June 30, 2019	-	5.21 years
June 30, 2020	5.16 years	-
June 30, 2021	5.13 years	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04 years

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	-	5.48 years
June 30, 2018	-	5.63 years
June 30, 2019	-	5.21 years
June 30, 2020	-	5.16 years
June 30, 2021	5.13 years	-
June 30, 2022	-	5.04 years
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2018	-	5.00 years
June 30, 2019	-	5.00 years
June 30, 2020	-	5.00 years
June 30, 2021	-	5.00 years
June 30, 2022	-	5.00 years

Actuarial Assumptions

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2021. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate:

Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Salary Increases:

2.75 - 6.55%
based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return

7.00%

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

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-2022. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 01, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real 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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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (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 all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

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

	Measurement Date June 30, 2022		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,787,903	\$ 2,170,069	\$ 1,644,268

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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 respective fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TPAF and PERS. Accordingly, 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. For additional information about PERS, please refer to the plan's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

B. Teacher’s Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Pension Description

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

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

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

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

Service retirement benefits of 1/55th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60th of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and Tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, Tiers 3 and 4 with 25 or more years of service credit before age 62, and Tier 5 before age 65 with 30 or more years of service credit. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement age for his/her respective tier. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

Contributions

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

The employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:66-33. Therefore, these local participating employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the local participating employers do not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the local participating employers, such as the Charter School. However, the notes to the financial statements of the Charter School must disclose the portion of the Charter School's total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the Charter School. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State of New Jersey contributed \$128,408 to the TPAF for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Charter School.

The employee contribution rate was 7.50% effective July 1, 2018.

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

At June 30, 2023, the Charter School was not required to report a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a 100% special funding situation by the State of New Jersey.

The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability, attributable to the Charter School is as follows:

Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -
State of New Jersey 's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School	<u>14,773,391</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,773,391</u>

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

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

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2021. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. For the June 30, 2022 measurement date, the Charter School’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, Charter School’s proportion was 0.00% due to the 100% special funding situation with the State of New Jersey. For the June 30, 2022 measurement date, the State’s proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability associated with the Charter School was 0.0286337011%, which was a decrease of 0.0029827061% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized \$397,593 in pension expense and revenue, in the government-wide financial statements, for the State of New Jersey on behalf TPAF pension contributions. This pension expense and revenue was based on the pension plans June 30, 2022 measurement date.

The State reported the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) for the year ended June 30, 2022:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 3,013,097,864	\$ 19,441,140,477
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	699,820,974	122,664,916
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	<u>1,172,371,073</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 4,885,289,911</u>	<u>\$ 19,563,805,393</u>

The amortization of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

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

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	8.50 years
June 30, 2015	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2016	-	8.30 years
June 30, 2017	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2018	8.29 years	-
June 30, 2019	-	8.04 years
June 30, 2020	-	7.99 years
June 30, 2021	7.93 years	-
June 30, 2022	-	7.83 years
Changes in Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	8.50 years	-
June 30, 2015	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2016	8.30 years	-
June 30, 2017	-	8.30 years
June 30, 2018	-	8.29 years
June 30, 2019	-	8.04 years
June 30, 2020	7.99 years	-
June 30, 2021	-	7.93 years
June 30, 2022	7.83 years	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2017	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2018	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2019	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2020	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2021	5.00 years	-
June 30, 2022	5.00 years	-

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

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

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions as follows:

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

Actuarial Assumptions

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2021. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2022. This actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate:

Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%

Salary Increases:

2.75% - 5.65%
based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return

7.00%

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021. The actuarial assumptions used in the July 01, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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 TPAF’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real 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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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Teacher’s Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (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. Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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

As previously mentioned, TPAF has a special funding situation where the State pays 100% of the Charter School's annual required contribution. As such, the proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2022, the pension plans measurement date, attributable to the Charter School is \$0, and there was no proportionate share of the net pension liability reported by the State of New Jersey, attributable to the Charter School, using a discount rate of 7.00%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used is as follows:

	Measurement Date June 30, 2022		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School	17,349,703	14,796,920	12,646,521
	\$ 17,349,703	\$ 14,796,920	\$ 12,646,521

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NOTE 8: **PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

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

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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 respective fiduciary net position of the TPAF and additions to/deductions from TPAF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TPAF and PERS. Accordingly, 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. For additional information about TPAF, please refer to the plan's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions.

C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)

Plan Description

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund established on July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007, and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.). The DCRP is a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 401(a) et seq., and is a "governmental plan" within the meaning of IRC § 414(d). The DCRP provides retirement benefits for eligible employees and their beneficiaries. Individuals covered under DCRP are employees enrolled in TPAF or PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for Tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually (The minimum salary in 2018 is \$8,300 and is subject to adjustment in future years); and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for Tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually. The minimum number of hours is 32 hours per week for local education employees.

Vesting and Benefit Provisions

Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and non-forfeitable. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and non-forfeitable on the date the participant commences the second

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NOTE 8: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) (Continued)

Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Continued)

year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

Contributions

The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the Charter School contributes 3% of the employees' base salary, for each pay period, to Prudential Financial not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, there were no employee contributions reported, and there were no pension expense reported and recognized by the Charter School, on which to equal the required contributions.

NOTE 9: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS

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

As a result of implementing GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other than Pension Plans*, the post-retirement health benefit program plan is reported in an Agency Fund in the New Jersey Comprehensive Annual Financial Report effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Therefore, the plan has no assets accumulated in a trust. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pension* (GASB No. 75), the plan is classified as a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan with a special funding situation that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB No. 75.

Plan Description and Benefits Provided

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

State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired (including Prescription Drug Program Fund) – N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32f provides medical coverage and prescription drug benefits to qualified retired education participants. The State of New Jersey provides employer-paid coverage to members of the TPAF who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years of service or on a disability retirement.

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NOTE 9: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Continued)

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

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

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

Plan Membership

Membership of the defined benefit OPEB plan consisted of the following at June 30, 2021:

Active Plan Members	213,148
Inactive Plan Members or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	151,669
Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefits	-
Total Plan Members	<u><u>364,817</u></u>

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NOTE 9: **POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

Collective Net OPEB Liability

The collective net OPEB liability of the State, as the non-employer contributing entity, of the plan at June 30, 2022 is \$50,646,462,966, and the plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability is zero percent.

The total OPEB liabilities were determined based on actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 which were rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

In the June 30, 2021 OPEB actuarial valuation, the actuarial assumptions and methods used in these valuations were described in the Actuarial Assumptions and Methods section of the Actuary's report and are included here in this note to the financial statements. The Plan selected economic and demographic assumptions and prescribed them for use for purposes of compliance with GASB Statement No. 75. The Actuary provided guidance with respect to these assumptions, and it is their belief that the assumptions represent reasonable expectations of anticipated plan experience.

Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions

The funding policy of the OPEB plan is pay as you go basis; therefore, there is no prefunding of the liability. Contributions to pay for the health benefit premiums of participating employees in the OPEB plan are made by the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, under a special funding situation in accordance with State statutes as previously disclosed. The State as a non-employer contributing entity made contributions of \$1.33 billion to the OPEB plan in fiscal year 2022.

The State sets the contribution rate based on a pay as you go basis and not on the annual required contribution of the employers (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC

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NOTE 9: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions (Continued)

represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) of the plan over a period not to exceed thirty years. The State's contributions, as a non-employer contributing entity, to the State Health Benefits Program Fund-Local Education Retired for retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the Charter School for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 were \$303,028, \$279,289, and \$293,496, respectively, which equaled the required contributions for that year. The State's contributions to the State Health Benefits Program Fund – Local Education Retired for PERS retirees' post-retirement benefits on behalf of the Charter School was not determined or made available by the State of New Jersey. The on-behalf OPEB contributions are recognized in the governmental fund financial statements (modified accrual basis) as both a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 85.

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

GASB Statement No. 75 requires participating employers in the State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired to recognize their proportionate share of the collective OPEB liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective OPEB expense. The non-employer allocation percentages presented are based on the ratio of the State's contributions made as a non-employer toward the actuarially determined contribution amount to total contributions to the plan during the measurement period July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes. In accordance with GASB No. 75, the Charter School is not required to recognize an OPEB liability for the post-employment health benefit plan. The State of New Jersey, as a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to the plan on behalf of the Charter School. Accordingly, the Charter School's proportionate share percentage determined under Statement No. 75 is zero percent and the State's proportionate share is 100% of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School. Therefore, in addition, the Charter School does not recognize any portion of the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the plan. At June 30, 2022, the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 9,042,402,619	\$ 15,462,950,679
Net Difference Between Expected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	-	-
Assumptions Changes	8,765,620,577	17,237,289,230
Sub Total	17,808,023,196	32,700,239,909
Contributions Made in Fiscal Year Ending 2018 After June 30, 2017 Measurement Date	TBD	Not Available
Total	\$ 17,808,023,196	\$ 32,700,239,909

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NOTE 9: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

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

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

Measurement Period Ending June 30,	Total
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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)
Total Thereafter	<hr/>
	<u>(3,921,361,006)</u>
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	<u>\$ (14,892,216,713)</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized in the charter school-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) OPEB expense of \$1,132,664. This amount has been included in the charter school-wide statement of activities (accrual basis) as a revenue and expense in accordance with GASB No. 85.

At June 30, 2023, the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School is \$3,348,010. The non-employer allocation percentages are based on the ratio of the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School at June 30, 2022 to the total OPEB liability of the State Health Benefit Program Fund – Local Education Retired Employees Plan at June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2022, the state's share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School was 0.0066105505%, which was a decrease of 0.0015857927% from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021 of 0.0081963432%.

Actuarial Assumptions

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

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability \$50,646,462,966

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

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NOTE 9: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

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

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of the TPAF, PERS, and PFRS experience studies prepared for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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

Health Care Trend Assumption

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 4.50% 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 used to measure the total OPEB liabilities of the plan was as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Measurement Date</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2023	June 30, 2022	2.16%
2022	June 30, 2021	3.50%

The discount rate 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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NOTE 9: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The change in the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 (measurement date June 30, 2022) is as follows:

	Total OPEB Liability (State Share 100%)	State of New Jersey's Total OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2021 Measurement Date	\$ 4,918,433	\$ 60,007,650,970
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:		
Service Cost	947,407	2,770,618,025
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	88,726	1,342,187,139
Differences between Expected and Actual Experiences	(1,623,355)	1,399,200,736
Effect of Changes of Assumptions	(898,134)	(13,586,368,097)
Contributions - Employees	2,819	(1,329,476,059)
Gross Benefits Paid by the State	(87,886)	42,650,252
Net Changes	(1,570,423)	(9,361,188,004)
Balance at June 30, 2022 Measurement Date	\$ 3,348,010	\$ 50,646,462,966

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.16% in 2021 to 3.54% in 2022.

The change in the total OPEB liability was based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School at June 30, 2022. A change in the total OPEB liability specific to the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was not provided by the pension system.

Sensitivity of OPEB Liability

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School calculated using the discount rate of 3.54%, as well as what the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to

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NOTE 9: POST-RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of OPEB Liability (Continued)

the Charter School that would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.54%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.54%) than the current rate:

	<u>At 1% Decrease</u> <u>(2.54%)</u>	<u>At Current</u> <u>Discount Rate</u> <u>(3.54%)</u>	<u>At 1% Increase</u> <u>(4.54%)</u>
Net OPEB Liability (Allocable to the Charter School and the responsibility of the State)	\$ 3,935,234	\$ 3,348,010	\$ 2,877,380

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

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost</u> <u>Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Net OPEB Liability (Allocable to the Charter School and the responsibility of the State)	\$ 2,767,335	\$ 3,348,010	\$ 4,110,762

The sensitivity analyses were based on the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School at June 30, 2022. Sensitivity analyses specific to the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School at June 30, 2022 were not provided by the pension system.

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NOTE 10: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

Property and Liability Insurance

The charter school maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability, student accident, and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

NOTE 11: CONTINGENCIES

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

NOTE 12: CONCENTRATIONS

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

NOTE 13: FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

General Fund

The General Fund balance at June 30, 2023 is \$3,298,392 and is unreserved and undesignated.

NOTE 14: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 5, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

SECTION C – BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:					
Local Sources:					
Equalization Aid - Local Share - Charter School Aid	\$ 9,741,391	\$ (1,801,473)	\$ 7,939,918	\$ 7,939,918	\$ -
Total Local Sources	9,741,391	(1,801,473)	7,939,918	7,939,918	-
Categorical Aid:					
Equalization Aid - State Share - Charter School Aid				836,005	836,005
Special Education Categorical Aid	437,921	(39,571)	398,350	398,350	-
Security Aid	268,784	(79,659)	189,125	189,125	-
State Adjustment Aid		300,442	300,442	300,442	-
Total Categorical Aid	706,705	181,212	887,917	1,723,922	836,005
Federal Sources:					
Federal Charter School Grant	23,600		23,600	1,894	(21,706)
Total Federal Sources	23,600	-	23,600	1,894	(21,706)
Other Sources:					
Donations and Contributions				575	575
Miscellaneous Revenue				603,964	603,964
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Aid (Non-Budgeted)				1,153,523	1,153,523
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Aid (Non-Budgeted)				205,844	205,844
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Aid (Non-Budgeted)				303,028	303,028
On-Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Aid (Non-Budgeted)				983	983
Total Other Sources	-	-	-	2,267,917	2,267,917
Total Revenues	10,471,696	(1,620,261)	8,851,435	11,933,651	3,082,216
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	3,579,600	(1,912,018)	1,667,582	1,665,912	1,670
Other Salaries for Instruction	353,300	(97,300)	256,000	256,000	-
Purchased Prof/Tech Services	316,750	18,000	334,750	334,658	92
General Supplies	254,700	(141,476)	113,224	90,950	22,274
Textbooks	48,182		48,182	46,726	1,456
Total Instruction	4,552,532	(2,132,794)	2,419,738	2,394,246	25,492
Administration:					
Salaries - General Administration	502,000	190,800	692,800	692,800	-
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	2,433,000	61,699	2,494,699	2,476,107	18,592
Salaries of Secretarial/Clerical Assistants	192,000	(33,958)	158,042	158,042	-
Total Benefits Cost	847,531	(20,476)	827,055	826,616	439
Purchases Prof/Tech Services	218,900	641,056	859,956	781,652	78,304
Other Purchased Professional Services	16,000	33,500	49,500	48,753	747
Other Purchased Services	71,950	303,500	375,450	375,348	102
Communications/Telephone	86,250	16,000	102,250	101,742	508
Supplies and Materials	3,050	49,000	52,050	51,436	614
Interest for Lease Purchase Agreements				112,407	(112,407)
Total Administration	4,370,681	1,241,121	5,611,802	5,624,903	(13,101)

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
(Continued From Prior Page)					
Support Services:					
Rental of Land and Buildings	\$ 595,000	\$ 15,570	\$ 610,570	\$ 50,625	\$ 559,945
Transportation-Other Than To/From School	100,000	158,750	258,750	258,531	219
Insurance for Property, Liability and Fidelity	236,683	(32,832)	203,851	203,471	380
Supplies and Materials	373,600	182,510	556,110	551,638	4,472
Energy Costs (Heat and Electricity)	93,200	3,490	96,690	85,101	11,589
Miscellaneous Expenses	150,000	210,784	360,784	339,195	21,589
Total Support Services	1,548,483	538,272	2,086,755	1,488,561	598,194
Capital Outlay:					
Non-Instructional Equipment		53,140	53,140		53,140
Lease Purchase Agreements-Principal				447,538	(447,538)
Total Capital Outlay	-	53,140	53,140	447,538	(394,398)
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				1,153,523	(1,153,523)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				205,844	(205,844)
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				303,028	(303,028)
On-Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				983	(983)
Total Expenditures	10,471,696	(300,261)	10,171,435	11,618,626	(1,447,191)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	(1,320,000)	(1,320,000)	315,025	1,635,025
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	2,983,367	-	2,983,367	2,983,367	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 2,983,367	\$ (1,320,000)	\$ 1,663,367	\$ 3,298,392	\$ 1,635,025
Recapitulation of Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures:					
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 2,983,367	\$ (1,320,000)	\$ 1,663,367	\$ 3,298,392	\$ 1,635,025
Total	\$ 2,983,367	\$ (1,320,000)	\$ 1,663,367	\$ 3,298,392	\$ 1,635,025

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Special Revenue Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUE SOURCES:					
Local	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000	\$ 42,250	\$ 2,250 *
State	120,282		120,282	95,577	(24,705)
Federal	3,762,759	167,455	3,930,214	2,360,834	(1,569,380)
Total Revenues	3,923,041	167,455	4,090,496	2,498,661	(1,591,835)
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Salaries	422,100	167,455	589,555	545,090	44,465
Salaries of Teachers	571,349		571,349	279,996	291,353
General Supplies	759,857		759,857	106,996	652,861
Total Instruction	1,753,306	167,455	1,920,761	932,082	988,679
Support Services:					
Salaries	699,093		699,093	392,040	307,053
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	356,483		356,483	189,489	166,994
Other Purchased Prof/Tech Services	13,000		13,000	12,500	500
Miscellaneous (Other) Purchased Services	796,733		796,733	796,733	-
Supplies and Materials	184,144		184,144	77,990	106,154
Student Activities				2,250	(2,250) *
Total Support Services	2,049,453	-	2,049,453	1,471,002	578,451
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:					
Buildings	120,282		120,282	95,577	24,705
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	120,282	-	120,282	95,577	24,705
Total Expenditures	3,923,041	167,455	4,090,496	2,498,661	1,591,835
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	612	-	612	612	-
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$ 612</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 612</u>	<u>\$ 612</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Recapitulation:					
Restricted:					
Student Activities				<u>\$ 612</u>	
Total Fund Balance				<u>\$ 612</u>	

* Note - Student Activities Fund are not required to be budgeted.

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Note to RSI

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

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

	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>
Sources/Inflows of Resources			
Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues" from the budgetary comparison schedules	[C-1] \$ 11,933,651		[C-2] \$ 2,498,661
 Difference - Budget to GAAP			
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized			-
 Total revenues as reports on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - governmental funds.	[B-2] \$ <u>11,933,651</u>		[B-2] \$ <u>2,498,661</u>
 Uses/Outflows of resources			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1] \$ 11,618,626		[C-2] \$ 2,498,661
 Differences - Budget to GAAP:			
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but not received are reported in the year the order is placed for budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received for financial accounting purposes.			-
 Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds.	[B-2] \$ <u>11,618,626</u>		[B-2] \$ <u>2,498,661</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

**SECTION L – CHARTER SCHOOL’S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET
PENSION LIABILITY FOR TPAF AND PERS AND CHARTER SCHOOL’S PERS AND
TPAF CONTRIBUTIONS**

The schedules are presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Required Supplementary Information Schedules
 Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
 Public Employees Retirement System
 Last Six Fiscal Years
 Unaudited

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0142587750%	0.0153568020%	0.0154715542%	0.0113162727%	0.0068095478%	0.0042032908%
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 2,151,845	\$ 1,819,243	\$ 2,523,006	\$ 2,039,021	\$ 1,340,766	\$ 978,459
Charter School's covered employees payroll	\$ 847,106	\$ 728,367	\$ 1,045,485	\$ 1,158,157	\$ 1,101,467	\$ 708,661
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	254.02%	249.77%	241.32%	176.06%	121.73%	138.07%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	62.91%	70.33%	58.32%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%

Note: This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB No. 68 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Required Supplementary Information Schedules
 Schedule of the Charter School Contributions
 Public Employees Retirement System
 Last Six Fiscal Years
 Unaudited

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Contractually required contribution	\$ 179,810	\$ 179,846	\$ 169,251	\$ 70,859	\$ 67,733	\$ 38,939
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(179,810)	(179,846)	(169,251)	(111,808)	(69,046)	(41,608)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,313)	\$ (2,669)
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$ 847,106	\$ 728,367	\$ 1,045,485	\$ 1,158,157	\$ 1,101,467	\$ 708,661
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	21.23%	24.69%	16.19%	6.12%	6.15%	5.49%

Note: This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB No. 68 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Required Supplementary Information Schedules
 Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
 Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund
 Last Five Fiscal Years
 Unaudited

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
State's proportion of the net pension liability attributable of the Charter School	0.0286337011%	0.0316164072%	0.0226257534%	0.0159601408%	0.0121983282%
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Charter School	\$ 14,773,391	\$ 15,199,647	\$ 14,898,786	\$ 9,794,889	\$ 7,760,314
Charter School's covered employees payroll	\$ 2,776,818	\$ 3,092,974	\$ 3,071,693	\$ 3,159,184	\$ 3,022,532
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	532.03%	491.42%	485.03%	310.04%	256.75%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	32.29%	35.52%	24.60%	26.49%	26.49%

Note: This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB No. 68 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

**SECTION M – CHARTER SCHOOL’S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET
OPEB LIABILITY FOR TPAF AND PERS**

The schedules are presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this presentation will only include information for those years for which information is available.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Required Supplementary Information Schedules
 Schedule of Changes in the Charter School's Proportionate Share of Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
 Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund and Public Employees Retirement System
 Last Seven Fiscal Years
 Unaudited

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,						
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
OPEB Liability at Beginning of Measurement Period	\$ 4,918,433	\$ 5,081,316	\$ 2,241,457	\$ 1,195,296	\$ 1,509,566	\$ 1,395,248	\$ -
Changes Recognized for the Fiscal Year:							
Service Cost	947,407	1,159,391	484,226	328,460	289,315	351,881	Not Available
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	88,726	127,589	93,911	57,690	63,852	49,317	Not Available
Effect on Changes of Benefit Terms	-	(5,235)	-	-	-	-	Not Available
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	(1,623,355)	(1,352,237)	1,419,321	693,357	(499,414)	-	Not Available
Effect on Changes of Assumptions	(898,134)	4,852	928,182	33,420	(137,166)	(253,202)	Not Available
Contributions from the Employees	2,819	3,262	2,681	2,040	1,105	1,287	Not Available
Gross Benefit Paid by the State	(87,886)	(100,505)	(88,462)	(68,806)	(31,962)	(34,965)	Not Available
Net Changes	(1,570,423)	(162,883)	2,839,859	1,046,161	(314,270)	114,318	-
OPEB Liability at the End of Measurement Period	\$ 3,348,010	\$ 4,918,433	\$ 5,081,316	\$ 2,241,457	\$ 1,195,296	\$ 1,509,566	\$ 1,395,248
Charter School's Proportionat Share of the Total OPEB Liability	0.0066105505%	0.0081963432%	0.0074934653%	0.0053714507%	0.0025922238%	0.0028142626%	0.0024125972%
Charter School's Covered Employees Payroll	\$ 3,623,924	\$ 3,821,341	\$ 4,117,178	\$ 4,317,341	\$ 4,123,999	\$ 2,791,910	\$ 1,969,611
Total Charter School's OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	92.39%	128.71%	123.42%	51.92%	28.98%	54.07%	70.84%
Charter School's Contributions	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

Note: This schedule does not contain ten years of information as GASB No. 75 was implemented during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
Public Employees Retirement System
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

NET PENSION LIABILITY (SCHEDULES L-1 AND L-2)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 to 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. Please see Note 8 for details of assumptions used in calculating the net pension liability and statutorily required employer contribution.

NET OPEB LIABILITY (SCHEDULE M-1)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 3.50% as of June 30, 2021 to 3.54% as of June 30, 2022. Please see Note 9 for details of assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

NET PENSION LIABILITY (SCHEDULES L-3 AND L-4)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 7.00% as of June 30, 2021 to 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. Please see Note 8 for details of assumptions used in calculating the net pension liability and statutorily required employer contribution.

NET OPEB LIABILITY (SCHEDULE M-1)

A. Benefit Changes

There were none.

B. Changes in Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 3.50% as of June 30, 2021 to 3.54% as of June 30, 2022. Please see Note 9 for details of assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Special Revenue Fund

Combining Schedule of Program Revenues and Expenditures - Budgetary Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Russel Grinnel Memorial Trust	ESSA Title I	I.D.E.A. Part B	CRRSA ESSER II Grant Program	CRRSA ESSER II Learning Acceleration	CRRSA ESSER II Grant Mental Health
REVENUE SOURCES:						
Local	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State						
Federal		464,590	142,225	923,039	25,901	45,000
Total Revenues	40,000	464,590	142,225	923,039	25,901	45,000
EXPENDITURES:						
Instruction:						
Salaries		452,090	93,000			
Salaries of Teachers				46,475	25,901	
General Supplies				35,831		
Total Instruction	-	452,090	93,000	82,306	25,901	-
Support Services:						
Salaries	40,000					45,000
Personal Services - Employee Benefits			49,225			
Other Purchased Prof/Tech Services		12,500				
Other Purchased Services				796,733		
Supplies and Materials				44,000		
Student Activities						
Total Support Services	40,000	12,500	49,225	840,733	-	45,000
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:						
Buildings						
Instructional Equipment						
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	40,000	464,590	142,225	923,039	25,901	45,000
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, July 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, June 30	-	-	-	-	-	-

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Special Revenue Fund

Combining Schedule of Program Revenues and Expenditures - Budgetary Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	ARP ESSER	ESSER NJTSS Mental Support Staffing	SDA Emergency Needs & Capital Maintenance	Preschool & Charter Security Grant	Student Activities Fund	Grand Total
REVENUE SOURCES:						
Local	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250	\$ 42,250
State			80,806	14,771		95,577
Federal	625,670	134,409				2,360,834
Total Revenues	625,670	134,409	80,806	14,771	2,250	2,498,661
EXPENDITURES:						
Instruction:						
Salaries	207,620					545,090
Salaries of Teachers	71,165					279,996
General Supplies						106,996
Total Instruction	278,785	-	-	-	-	932,082
Support Services:						
Salaries	204,600	102,440				392,040
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	108,295	31,969				189,489
Other Purchased Prof/Tech Services						12,500
Other Purchased Services						796,733
Supplies and Materials	33,990					77,990
Student Activities					2,250	2,250
Total Support Services	346,885	134,409	-	-	2,250	1,471,002
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services:						
Buildings				14,771		14,771
Instructional Equipment			80,806			80,806
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	-	-	80,806	14,771	-	95,577
Total Expenditures	625,670	134,409	80,806	14,771	2,250	2,498,661
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance, July 1	-	-	-	-	612	612
Fund Balance, June 30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 612	\$ 612

**SECTION G – PROPRIETARY FUNDS
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

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

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

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

STATISTICAL SECTION

(UNAUDITED)

Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School has been in operation for nine (9) years. GASB requires that ten years of statistical data be presented. State law usually grants charters for less than ten years. Therefore, only statistical data for nine (9) years are available and has been presented. Each year thereafter, an additional year's data will be included until ten years of data is presented.

Contents

Financial Trends

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

Revenue Capacity (Not Applicable To Charter School)

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

Debt Capacity

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

Demographic and Economic Information

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

Operating Information

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

Sources: *Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFR) for the relevant year. The charter school implemented GASB Statement 34 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; schedules presenting charter school-wide information include information beginning in that year.*

FINANCIAL TRENDS

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Net Position by Component
Last Nine Fiscal Years
(*accrual basis of accounting*)
Unaudited

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30.								
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Governmental Activities									
Restricted	\$ 612	\$ 612	\$ 3,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted	1,219,660	1,096,110	1,688,071	303,843	(463,637)	502,390	583,650	717,784	368,974
Total Governmental Activities Net Position	<u>\$ 1,220,272</u>	<u>\$ 1,096,722</u>	<u>\$ 1,691,521</u>	<u>\$ 303,843</u>	<u>\$ (463,637)</u>	<u>\$ 502,390</u>	<u>\$ 583,650</u>	<u>\$ 717,784</u>	<u>\$ 368,974</u>
Business-Type Activities									
Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted	14,074	13,302	11,076	(1,595)	(8,042)	2,387	11,699	3,503	2,849
Total Business-Type Activities Net Position	<u>\$ 14,074</u>	<u>\$ 13,302</u>	<u>\$ 11,076</u>	<u>\$ (1,595)</u>	<u>\$ (8,042)</u>	<u>\$ 2,387</u>	<u>\$ 11,699</u>	<u>\$ 3,503</u>	<u>\$ 2,849</u>
Charter School-wide									
Restricted	\$ 612	\$ 612	\$ 3,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted	1,233,734	1,109,412	1,699,147	302,248	(471,679)	504,777	595,349	721,287	371,823
Total Charter School-wide Net Position	<u>\$ 1,234,346</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,024</u>	<u>\$ 1,702,597</u>	<u>\$ 302,248</u>	<u>\$ (471,679)</u>	<u>\$ 504,777</u>	<u>\$ 595,349</u>	<u>\$ 721,287</u>	<u>\$ 371,823</u>

Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Changes in Net Position
 Last Nine Fiscal Years
(accrual basis of accounting)
 Unaudited

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,								
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Expenses									
Governmental Activities:									
Instruction	\$ 4,238,059	\$ 4,582,668	\$ 4,156,897	\$ 4,089,556	\$ 4,592,168	\$ 3,074,604	\$ 2,994,733	\$ 1,390,779	\$ 451,386
Administration	7,576,761	7,180,383	5,811,357	5,279,386	4,932,250	3,358,490	1,571,345	1,477,758	780,918
Support Services	2,959,563	1,853,497	1,669,634	1,480,616	2,087,206	1,033,446	558,631	445,043	403,281
Capital Outlay	95,577	81,827	-	4,250	25,230	39,284	16,579	20,058	55,305
Interest on Long-Term Debt	112,407	170,153	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated Amortization	459,059	459,059	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	\$ 15,441,426	\$ 14,327,587	\$ 11,637,888	\$ 10,853,808	\$ 11,636,854	\$ 7,505,824	\$ 5,141,288	\$ 3,333,638	\$ 1,690,890
Business-Type Activities:									
Food Service	217,801	132,939	-	164,167	188,429	61,271	105,428	93,544	35,185
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	217,801	132,939	-	164,167	188,429	61,271	105,428	93,544	35,185
Total Charter School Expenses	\$ 15,659,227	\$ 14,460,526	\$ 11,637,888	\$ 11,017,975	\$ 11,825,283	\$ 7,567,095	\$ 5,246,716	\$ 3,427,182	\$ 1,726,075
Program Revenues									
Governmental Activities:									
Charges for Services	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,560	\$ 270,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Grants and Contributions	398,350	428,160	442,496	449,218	505,851	212,726	129,602	99,212	30,520
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Revenues	\$ 400,600	\$ 430,720	\$ 712,833	\$ 449,218	\$ 505,851	\$ 212,726	\$ 129,602	\$ 99,212	\$ 30,520
Business-Type Activities:									
Charges for Services	372	-	-	744	-	53	805	418	-
Operating Grants and Contributions	218,201	135,125	6,219	61,283	70,523	26,769	65,700	62,647	30,083
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Business-Type Activities Revenues	\$ 218,573	\$ 135,125	\$ 6,219	\$ 62,027	\$ 70,523	\$ 26,822	\$ 66,505	\$ 63,065	\$ 30,083
Total Charter School Program Revenues	\$ 619,173	\$ 565,845	\$ 719,052	\$ 511,245	\$ 576,374	\$ 239,548	\$ 196,107	\$ 162,277	\$ 60,603
Net (Expense)/Revenue									
Governmental Activities	\$ (15,040,826)	\$ (13,896,867)	\$ (10,925,055)	\$ (10,404,590)	\$ (11,131,003)	\$ (7,293,098)	\$ (5,011,686)	\$ (3,234,426)	\$ (1,660,370)
Business-Type Activities	772	2,186	6,219	(102,140)	(117,906)	(34,449)	(38,923)	(30,479)	(5,102)
Total Charter School-wide Net Expense	\$ (15,040,054)	\$ (13,894,681)	\$ (10,918,836)	\$ (10,506,730)	\$ (11,248,909)	\$ (7,327,547)	\$ (5,050,609)	\$ (3,264,905)	\$ (1,665,472)
General Revenues and Other Changes in Net Position									
Governmental Activities:									
General Purposes	\$ 7,939,918	\$ 8,017,018	\$ 7,566,680	\$ 793,758	\$ 703,335	\$ 573,630	\$ 429,259	\$ 328,351	\$ 167,131
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted	6,579,919	5,288,393	4,717,678	10,182,781	9,324,738	6,593,166	4,429,315	3,169,788	1,837,281
Miscellaneous Income	644,539	159,551	24,925	195,531	136,903	45,042	18,978	85,097	24,932
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 15,164,376	\$ 13,464,962	\$ 12,309,283	\$ 11,172,070	\$ 10,164,976	\$ 7,211,838	\$ 4,877,552	\$ 3,583,236	\$ 2,029,344
Business-Type Activities:									
Miscellaneous Income	-	40	6,452	108,587	107,477	25,137	47,119	31,133	7,951
Total Business-Type Activities	-	40	6,452	108,587	107,477	25,137	47,119	31,133	7,951
Total Charter School-wide	\$ 15,164,376	\$ 13,465,002	\$ 12,315,735	\$ 11,280,657	\$ 10,272,453	\$ 7,236,975	\$ 4,924,671	\$ 3,614,369	\$ 2,037,295
Change in Net Position									
Governmental Activities	\$ 123,550	\$ (431,905)	\$ 1,394,228	\$ 767,480	\$ (966,027)	\$ (81,260)	\$ (134,134)	\$ 348,810	\$ 368,974
Business-Type Activities	772	2,226	12,671	6,447	(10,429)	(9,312)	8,196	654	2,849
Total Charter School	\$ 124,322	\$ (429,679)	\$ 1,396,899	\$ 773,927	\$ (976,456)	\$ (90,572)	\$ (125,938)	\$ 349,464	\$ 371,823

Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
 Last Nine Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)
 Unaudited

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
General Fund										
Restricted	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unassigned	3,298,392	2,983,367	3,159,942	1,232,965	13,452	659,643	583,650	717,784	368,974	
Total General Fund	\$ 3,298,392	\$ 2,983,367	\$ 3,159,942	\$ 1,232,965	\$ 13,452	\$ 659,643	\$ 583,650	\$ 717,784	\$ 368,974	
All Other Governmental Funds										
Restricted	\$ 612	\$ 612	\$ 612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total All Other Governmental Funds	\$ 612	\$ 612	\$ 612	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
 Last Nine Fiscal Years
 (modified accrual basis of accounting)
 Unaudited

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Revenues:									
Local Sources:									
Local Tax Levy	\$ 7,939,918	\$ 8,017,018	\$ 838,159	\$ 793,758	\$ 703,335	\$ 573,630	\$ 429,259	\$ 328,351	\$ 167,131
Miscellaneous	646,789	162,111	295,262	195,531	136,903	45,042	18,978	85,097	24,932
State Sources	3,482,877	2,725,471	10,221,486	9,655,231	8,924,866	6,222,916	4,417,571	2,939,227	1,530,418
Federal Sources	2,362,728	1,430,016	738,688	497,168	605,160	182,680	141,346	329,773	337,383
Total Revenues	14,432,312	12,334,616	12,093,595	11,141,688	10,370,264	7,024,268	5,007,154	3,682,448	2,059,864
Expenditures:									
Instruction	3,326,328	3,503,019	3,162,311	3,321,208	3,924,283	2,643,193	2,748,009	1,334,618	374,889
Administration	7,175,874	6,483,248	5,337,511	5,116,101	4,979,736	3,232,352	1,818,069	1,533,919	857,415
Support Services	2,959,563	1,853,497	1,669,634	1,480,616	2,087,206	1,033,446	558,631	445,043	403,281
Capital Outlay	655,522	3,365,402	-	4,250	25,230	39,284	16,579	20,058	55,305
Total Expenditures	14,117,287	15,205,166	10,169,456	9,922,175	11,016,455	6,948,275	5,141,288	3,333,638	1,690,890
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	315,025	(2,870,550)	1,924,139	1,219,513	(646,191)	75,993	(134,134)	348,810	368,974
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Lease Purchases	-	2,856,869	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	2,856,869	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 315,025	\$ (13,681)	\$ 1,924,139	\$ 1,219,513	\$ (646,191)	\$ 75,993	\$ (134,134)	\$ 348,810	\$ 368,974
Debt service as a percentage of noncapital expenditures	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Source: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Note: Noncapital expenditures are total expenditures less capital outlay.
 Central Service and Administrative Information Technology account classifications were added beginning with year end June 30, 2005.
 Prior to June 30, 2005, Central Service and Administrative Information Technology were combined in Other Support Services as Business and Other Support Services.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

General Fund - Other Local Revenue by Source

Last Nine Fiscal Years

(modified accrual basis of accounting)

Unaudited

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Donations and Contributions	Prior Year Refunds	Miscellaneous Revenue	Annual Total
2023	\$ 575	\$ 553,334	\$ 50,630	\$ 604,539
2022	20,600	11,118	87,833	119,551
2021	20,000	3,452	1,473	24,925
2020	4,500	51,724	77,435	133,659
2019	85,000	384	51,519	136,903
2018	200	599	44,243	45,042
2017	-	1,382	17,596	18,978
2016	5,000	1,278	78,819	85,097
2015	700	-	24,232	24,932

Source: Charter School records

OPERATING INFORMATION

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Full-Time Equivalent Charter School Employees by Function
 Last Nine Fiscal Years

Function	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Instruction	34	40	43	50	45	29	26	17	7
Administrative	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	1
Support Services	33	32	31	28	36	27	17	11	2
Total	71	76	78	82	85	59	46	31	10

Source: Charter School Personnel Records

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Operating Statistics
 Last Nine Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures ^a	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff ^b	Pupil/Teacher Ratio		Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) ^c	Average Daily Attendance (ADA) ^c	Percent Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
						MS & HS	MS & HS				
2023	579	\$ 13,461,765	23,250	10.36%	34	17:1	579.68	550.36	3.11%	94.94%	
2022	562	11,839,764	21,067	22.85%	40	14:1	562.19	517.96	-5.22%	92.13%	
2021	593	10,169,456	17,149	3.57%	43	14:1	593.18	562.25	-0.91%	94.79%	
2020	599	9,917,925	16,557	-16.39%	50	12:1	598.63	552.07	7.95%	92.22%	
2019	555	10,991,225	19,804	13.51%	45	12:1	554.56	510.27	39.90%	92.01%	
2018	396	6,908,991	17,447	0.09%	29	14:1	396.39	358.10	34.79%	90.34%	
2017	294	5,124,709	17,431	5.21%	26	11:1	294.09	266.29	47.41%	90.55%	
2016	200	3,313,580	16,568	1.30%	17	12:1	199.5	181.68	99.50%	91.07%	
2015	100	1,635,585	16,356	0.00%	10	10:1	100	100	0.00%	100.00%	

Sources: Charter School records

Note: Enrollment based on annual October Charter School count.

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

School Building Information
Last Nine Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Charter School Building									
<u>High School</u>									
1555 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618									
Square Feet	46,776	46,776	46,776	46,776	46,776	46,776	46,776	46,776	46,776
Capacity (students)	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450
Enrollment	389	358	328	411	294	200			
202 Grand Street, Trenton, NJ 08611									
Square Feet									24,480
Capacity (students)									150
Enrollment									100
<u>Middle School</u>									
720 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618									
Square Feet	28,586	28,586	28,586	28,586	28,586				
Capacity (students)	275	275	275	275	275				
Enrollment	190	204	239	271	144				

Number of Schools at June 30, 2023
Senior High School = 1
Middle School = 1

Source: Charter School Facilities Office

Note: Increases in square footage and capacity are the result of additions.
Enrollment is based on the annual October Charter School count.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL

Insurance Schedule

June 30, 2023

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<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>LIMITS</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
Package	Covered	1555 Pennington Road, Ewing, NJ 08618
Selective Insurance Company	Location	720 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618
04/25/2022-07/01/2023		720 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, NJ 08618 - Annex
S 2466782		45 Harrop Place Ewing, NJ 08618
\$52,908		
<u>Property</u>	\$8,410,752	Business-Replacement Cost - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible (Pennington Rd)
	\$1,269,372	Business Personal Property - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible
	\$300,000	EDP/Computers - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible
	\$550,000	Business Income - Agreed Value w/ 72 Hour Deductible
	\$5,607,420	Business-Replacement Cost - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible (Bellevue Avenue)
	\$513,500	Business Personal Property - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible
	\$250,000	EDP/Computers - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible
	\$550,000	Business Income - Agreed Value w/ 72 Hour Deductible
	\$31,734	I & B-Replacement Cost - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible (Bellevue Avenue - Annex)
	\$21,156	Business Personal Property - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible
	\$51,350	Business Personal Property - Agreed Value w/ \$1,000 Deductible (Harrop Place)
<u>Crime</u>	\$250,000	Blanket Employee Theft w/ \$1,000 Deductible (Includes Board Treasurer/Board Secretary/BA)
	\$25,000	Forgery or Alteration w/ \$500 Deductible
	\$25,000	Computer and Fund Transfer Fraud w/ \$500 Deductible
	\$25,000	Funds Transfer Fraud
	\$25,000	Money Orders and Counterfiet Money w/ \$500 Deductible
<u>General Liability</u>	\$1,000,000	Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage
	\$3,000,000	Bodily Injury and Property Damage Aggregate
	\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence for Personal Injury/Advertising Injury
	\$1,000,000	Damage to Premises Rented to You
	\$20,000	Premise Medical Payments Per Accident
	\$1,000,000	Employee Benefits Liability - Each Employee w/ \$1,000 Deductible
	\$3,000,000	Employee Benefits Liability - Aggregate w/ \$1,000 Deductible
	\$1,000,000	Abuse or Molestation Liability
	\$2,000,000	Abuse or Molestation Aggregate
	\$250,000	Identity Recovery Coverage
	\$250,000	Crisis Response Business Income
	\$25,000	Crisis Response Counseling Expense
<u>Automobile Liability</u>	\$1,000,000	Hired/Non-Owned Automobile Liability
<u>Cyber Liability</u>	\$1,000,000	Information Security and Privacy Liability w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$250,000	Privacy Breach Response Services w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$100,000	Maximum Notified Individuals w/ \$250 Deductible
	\$100,000	Regulatory Defense and Penalties w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$1,000,000	Website Media and Content Liability w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$25,000	PCI Fines, Expenses and Costs w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$50,000	Cyber Extortion w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$50,000	First Party Data Protection w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$50,000	First Party Data Protection Business Interruption w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$50,000	Fraudulent Instruction w/ \$10,000 Deductible
	\$50,000	Electronic Crime w/ \$10,000 Deductible
<u>Umbrella</u>	\$4,000,000	Each Occurrence
	\$4,000,000	Aggregate

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Insurance Schedule
 June 30, 2023

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<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>LIMITS</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
<u>Worker's Compensation</u>	\$1,000,000	Each Accident
<u>Selective Insurance Company</u>	\$1,000,000	Each Employee
WC 9093103	\$1,000,000	Policy Limit
09/08/2022-09/08/2023		Statutory
\$102,286		
(Based on \$5,237,675 Professional and \$156,662 Non Professional w/ a 1.27 MOD)		
<u>Educators Legal Liability</u>	\$1,000,000	Educators Legal Liability Aggregate w/ \$25,000 Deductible
<u>Kinsale Insurance Company</u>	\$2,000,000	Educators Legal Liability - Each Occurrence w/ \$5,000 Deductible
0100148207-01		
04/25/2022-07/01/2023		Features: Employment Practice Liability Coverage, Wrongful Acts by Educator (Officer, Director, Trustee, Regent, Governor, or duly constituted member of the board of education or board of regents, and employees of the educational institution)
\$16,270		
<u>Student Accident</u>	\$250,000	Aggregate Limit of Indemnity
<u>Markel Insurance Company</u>	\$25,000	Accidental Medical Expense Benefit - Aggregate Maximum w/ \$50 Deductible
AMM3124-02	52 Weeks	Accidental Medical Expense Benefit - Benefit Period
04/25/2022-04/25/2023	\$5,000	Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits Principal Sum
\$2,586	365 Days	Accidental Death and Dismemberment - Loss Period
<u>Fortitude Service Fee</u>		
04/25/2022-07/01/2023		
\$5,000		

Source: Charter School's Records

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 New Jersey Performance Framework Financial Ratios
 Audited Performance Indicators
 Last Three Fiscal Years

	2021 Audit	2022 Audit	2023 Audit	Source
Cash	3,161,297	3,943,933	2,325,559	Audit Exhibit A-1
Current Assets (include cash)	3,450,923	4,480,991	3,898,574	Audit Exhibit A-1
Current Liabilities	448,544	1,663,556	765,306	Audit Exhibit A-1
Total Expenses	11,637,888	14,460,526	15,659,227	Audit Exhibit A-2
Change in Net Position	1,396,899	(429,679)	124,322	Audit Exhibit A-2
Final Average Daily Enrollment (exclude PK)*	593.18	562.19	579.68	DOE Final Enrollment Report
March 30 Budgeted Enrollment (exclude PK)	620	620	600	March 30 Charter School Budget
<i>Complete section only if auditee has mortgage/note/bond payable:</i>				
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers
Interest Expense	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers
Principal Payments	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers
Interest Payments	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers

Performance Indicators		2021	2022	2023	3 YR CUM	Calculation****	Target***
Near Term Indicators							
1a.	Current Ratio (working capital ratio)	7.69	2.69	5.09		Current Assets/Current Liabilities	> 1.1 or between 1.0-1.1 with positive trend
1b.	Unrestricted days cash on hand	99	100	54		Cash/(Total Expenses/365)	60 days or 30-60 days with positive trend
1c.	Enrollment Variance	96%	91%	97%	94%	Average Daily Enrollment/Budgeted Enrollment	>95% or >95% for 3 yr cum
1d.**	Default on loans or delinquent in debt payments	NO	NO	NO		Auditor	not in default
Sustainability Indicators							
2a***	3 Year Cumulative Cash Flow	2,058,160	782,636	(1,618,374)	1,222,422	Net change in cash flow from prior years	3 yr cum positive with most recent year positive
2b	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A or (Change in Net Position + depreciation + interest expense) / (principal + interest payments)	>1.10

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

Meets Standard
 Does Not Meet Standard
 Falls Far Below Standard

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School
County of Mercer
Ewing Township, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School (Charter School), in the County of Mercer, 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, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2023.

Report on 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 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 weakness or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weakness. However, material weakness may exist that have not been identified.

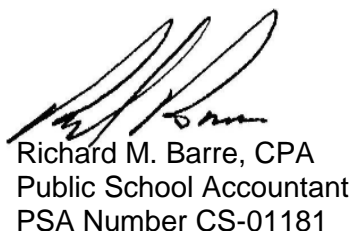
Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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


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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM
AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY U.S.
UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND NEW JERSEY OMB CIRCULAR 15-08**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School
County of Mercer
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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 compliance of the Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School (Charter School), in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* and the *New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Charter School’s major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 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 Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the 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; the audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; the audit 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’s Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Our responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB 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 omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Trenton STEM-to-Civics 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 state program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 that the testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purposes.


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Union, New Jersey
December 5, 2023

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AU/FDA Number	FAIN	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period From To	Balance at June 30, 2022	Carryover/ (Valkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments	Repayment Of Prior Years' Balances	Accounts Receivable	Balance at June 30, 2023 Unexpended Revenue	Due to Grantor
General Fund:														
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services														
Passed-through State Department of Education:														
Medical Cluster:														
Medical Assistance Program (SEMI)	93.778	2305NU5MAP	N/A	\$ 1,894	7/1/22 6/30/23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,894	\$ (1,894)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total General Fund								\$ 1,894	\$ (1,894)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund:														
U.S. Department of Education														
Passed-through State Department of Education														
Every Student Succeeds Act Cluster:														
Title I Part A	84.010	S010A220030	ESSA - 6183 - 23	511,555	7/1/22 9/30/23	(47,735)	-	375,588	(464,590)	-	-	(89,004)	-	-
Total Every Student Succeeds Act Cluster	84.010	S010A210030	ESSA - 6183 - 22	40,594	7/1/21 9/30/22	(47,735)	-	423,321	(464,590)	-	-	(89,004)	-	-
Special Education Cluster:														
IDEA - Part B Basic	84.027A	H027A220100	IDEA - 6183 - 23	144,251	7/1/22 9/30/23	(55,845)	-	74,360	(142,225)	-	-	(67,865)	-	-
IDEA - Part B Basic Carryover	84.027A	H027A210100	IDEA - 6183 - 22	40,335	7/1/21 9/30/22	(39,631)	-	56,835	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARP (Title I, E, B) - Main Cluster	84.027A	H027A210100	IDEA - 6183 - 22	35,051	3/1/21 9/30/24	(96,476)	-	34,631	(142,225)	-	-	(67,865)	-	-
Total Special Education Cluster								169,836	(142,225)	-	-	(67,865)	-	-
Other Special Revenue Funds:														
CARES ESSER I Fund	84.425D	S425D200027	N/A	80,754	3/1/21 9/30/23	(41,078)	-	41,078	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRRSA ESSER II Fund	84.425D	S425D210027	N/A	1,051,869	3/1/21 9/30/24	(10,515)	-	506,384	(923,038)	-	-	(416,654)	-	-
CRRSA ESSER II Fund	84.425D	S425D200027	N/A	1,051,869	3/1/21 9/30/24	(10,515)	-	10,515	-	-	-	-	-	-
CRRSA ESSER II Fund Learning Acceleration	84.425D	S425D200027	N/A	45,000	3/1/21 9/30/23	-	-	23,101	(25,901)	-	-	(2,800)	-	-
CRRSA ESSER II Fund Mental Health	84.425D	S425D200027	N/A	45,000	3/1/21 9/30/23	-	-	41,251	(625,670)	-	-	(214,419)	-	-
ARP ESSER Fund	84.425U	S425U200027	N/A	2,372,897	3/1/22 9/30/24	(131,434)	-	131,434	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARP ESSER Fund	84.425U	S425U200027	N/A	2,372,897	3/1/22 9/30/24	(136,821)	-	92,197	(134,410)	-	-	(42,213)	-	-
ARP ESSER Fund NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing	84.425U	S425U210027	N/A	445,613	3/1/22 9/30/24	(319,848)	-	1,352,781	(1,754,019)	-	-	(721,099)	-	-
Total Other Special Revenue Funds								1,940,938	(2,360,834)	-	-	(877,955)	-	-
Total Special Revenue Fund														
Enterprise Fund:														
U.S. Department of Agriculture														
Passed-through State Department of Education														
Child Nutrition Program Cluster:														
School Breakfast Program	10.553	231NJ304N1899	N/A	34,221	7/1/22 6/30/23	(1,946)	-	31,749	(34,221)	-	-	(2,472)	-	-
School Breakfast Program	10.553	221NJ304N1899	N/A	19,723	7/1/21 6/30/22	-	-	1,946	-	-	-	-	-	-
National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	10.555	231NJ304N1899	N/A	180,501	7/1/22 6/30/23	(9,586)	-	171,030	(180,501)	-	-	(9,471)	-	-
National School Lunch Program - Cash Assistance	10.555	221NJ304N1899	N/A	112,126	7/1/21 6/30/22	-	-	9,586	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Enterprise Fund/U.S. Department of Agriculture								214,311	(214,722)	-	-	(11,943)	-	-
Total Federal Financial Awards								\$ 2,157,143	\$ (2,577,450)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (889,899)	\$ -	\$ -

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period		Balance at June 30, 2022		Carryover/ (Waiver) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments/ Reversal of Prior Year's Balance	Balance at June 30, 2023		MEMO	
			From	To	Deferred Revenues (Accounts Receivable)	Unearned Refund Payable					Due to Grantor	Budgetary Receivable		Cumulative Total Expenditures
State Department of Education														
General Fund:														
State Aid-Public Cluster:														
Equalization Aid - State Share - Charter School Aid	23-495-034-5120-071	\$ 836,005	7/1/22	6/30/23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 836,005	\$ (836,005)	\$ 814,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 836,005
Equalization Aid - State Share - Charter School Aid	22-495-034-5120-071	8,017,018	7/1/21	6/30/22		814,963		388,350	(388,350)					396,350
Special Education Categorical Aid	23-495-034-5120-089	3,986,350	7/1/22	6/30/23				189,125	(189,125)					189,125
Security Aid	189-125	300,442	7/1/22	6/30/23				300,442	(300,442)					300,442
Adjustment Aid	23-495-034-5120-085	300,442	7/1/22	6/30/23		814,963		1,723,922	(1,723,922)	814,963				1,723,922
Total State Aid-Public Cluster														
Other General Funds:														
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	23-495-034-5094-001	303,028	7/1/22	6/30/23				303,028	(303,028)					303,028
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	1,153,523	1,153,523	7/1/22	6/30/23				1,153,523	(1,153,523)					1,153,523
Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security	229,183	229,183	7/1/21	6/30/22	(19,450)		19,450		(205,944)	(36,113)				205,944
On-Behalf TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance	983	983	7/1/22	6/30/23	(19,450)			983	(983)	(36,113)				983
Total Other General Funds								1,646,715	(1,663,378)	(36,113)				1,663,378
Total General Fund								3,370,637	(3,387,300)	814,963				3,387,300
Special Revenue Fund:														
SDA Grant/Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance	23-XXX-XXX-XXX-XXX	80,806	7/1/22	6/30/23				105,511	(80,806)			24,705		80,806
Charter School Security Grant	23-XXX-XXX-XXX-XXX	36,569	7/1/22	6/30/23					(14,771)					14,771
Total Special Revenue Fund								105,511	(95,577)			24,705		95,577
State Department of Agriculture														
Enterprise Fund:														
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023	3,479	7/1/22	6/30/23	(220)			3,296	(3,479)	(183)				183
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	22-100-010-3350-023	2,648	7/1/21	6/30/22										
Total Enterprise Fund								3,296	(3,479)	(183)				183
Total State Financial Assistance								3,479,664	(3,486,356)	814,963		24,705		3,486,356
State Financial Assistance Not Subject to Major Program Determination:														
General Fund:														
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	23-495-034-5094-001	303,028	7/1/22	6/30/23				(303,028)						(303,028)
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	1,153,523	1,153,523	7/1/22	6/30/23				(1,153,523)						(1,153,523)
On-Behalf TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance	983	983	7/1/22	6/30/23				(983)						(983)
Total On-Behalf TPAF Pension System Contributions								(1,457,534)						(1,457,534)
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Major Program Determination								2,022,130	(2,028,822)	814,963		24,705		2,028,822

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance
June 30, 2023

NOTE 1. GENERAL

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

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of awards and financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the food service fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 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's Circular 15-08, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the presentation of, the basic financial statements. This does not apply to charter schools as districts are not permitted to defer the June payments to charter schools.

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the one or more deferred June state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*. For GAAP purposes payments are not recognized until the subsequent budget year due to the state deferral and recording of the one or more June state aid payments in the subsequent year. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The special revenue fund also recognizes the one or more June state aid payment in the current budget year, consistent with *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-4.2*. The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is none for the general fund and none for the special revenue fund. See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance
June 30, 2023

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the board's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented below:

	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Total</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,894	\$ 3,387,300	\$ 3,389,194
Special Revenue Fund	2,360,834	95,577	2,456,411
Food Service Fund	214,722	3,479	218,201
Total Awards & Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 2,577,450</u>	<u>\$ 3,486,356</u>	<u>\$ 6,063,806</u>

NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

NOTE 5. FEDERAL AND STATE LOANS OUTSTANDING

Trenton STEM-to-Civics Charter School has no loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2023.

NOTE 6. OTHER

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions, and TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance Contributions represent the amount paid by the State on behalf of the Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2023. TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

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

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance
June 30, 2023

NOTE 8. SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM FUNDS

Schoolwide programs are not separate federal programs as defined in the Uniform Guidance; amounts used in schoolwide programs are included in the total expenditures of the program contributing the funds in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The following funds by program are included in schoolwide programs in the Charter School.

Program	Total
Title I, Part A: Grants to Local Education Agencies	<u>\$ 464,590</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 464,590</u></u>

NOTE 9. DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

The Charter School did not elect to use the 10% de Minimis indirect cost rate as allowed by the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 10. MAJOR PROGRAMS

Major programs are identified in the Summary of Auditors Results section of the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors’ report issued on financial statements Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

1) Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes None Reported

Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

1) Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes None Reported

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200 Section .516(a) of Uniform Guidance? Yes No

Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	FAIN Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.425D	S425D210027	EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND: CRRSA ESSER II Fund
84.425D	S425D200027	CRRSA ESSER II Fund Learning Acceleration
84.425D	S425D200027	CRRSA ESSER II Fund Mental Health
84.425U	S425U200027	ARP ESSER Fund
84.425U	S425U210027	ARP ESSER Fund NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results (Continued)

State Awards

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

Internal control over major programs:

 1) Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No

 2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes None Reported

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs Unmodified

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

Identification of major state programs:

GMIS Number(s)	Name of State Program
	STATE AID-PUBLIC CLUSTER:
23-495-034-5120-071	Equalization Aid - State Share - Charter School Aid
23-495-034-5120-089	Special Education Categorical Aid
23-495-034-5120-084	Security Aid
23-495-034-5120-085	Adjustment Aid

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section II – Financial Statement Findings – N/A

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, fraud, illegal acts, violations of provisions of contracts and grant agreements, and abuse related to the financial statements for which *Government Auditing Standards* requires reporting in the Uniform Guidance audit.

Finding

There were no matters reported.

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

This section identifies audit findings required to be reported by Title 2 CFR 200 Section .516 of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and NJ OMB Circular Letter 15-08, as applicable.

FEDERAL AWARDS

Findings

There were no matters reported.

STATE AWARDS

Findings

There were no matters reported.

TRENTON STEM-TO-CIVICS CHARTER SCHOOL
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs as Prepared by
Management
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS – N/A

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*, USOMB *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (511 (a)(b)) and NJ Circular 04-04-OMB and/or 15-08-OMB, as applicable.

Findings

There were no matters reported.