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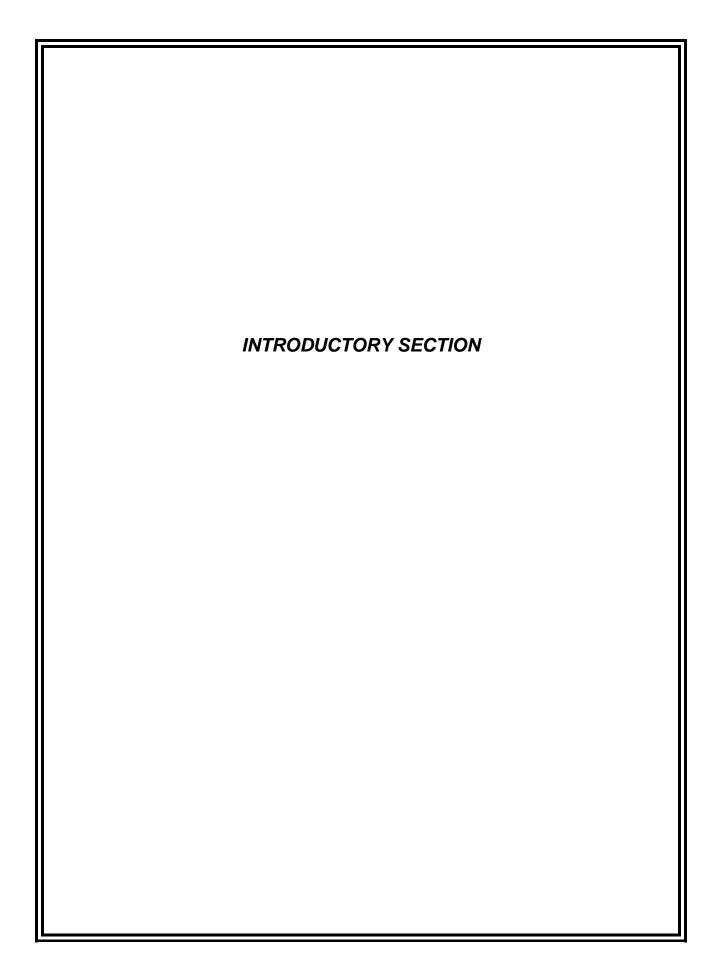
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November 28, 2023

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Pace Charter School of Hamilton County of Mercer Hamilton, New Jersey 08610

### **Dear Board Members:**

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

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

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

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

- ➤ The Introductory Section contains a Table of Contents, Letter of Transmittal, List of Principal Officials, and an Organizational Chart of the Charter School;
- ➤ The Financial Section begins with the Independent Auditors' Report and includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and Notes providing an overview of the Charter School's financial position and operating results, and other schedules providing detailed budgetary information;
- ➤ The Statistical Section includes selected economic and demographic information, financial trends, and the fiscal capacity of the Charter School, generally presented on a multi-year basis;
- ➤ The Single Audit Section The Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the 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 and New Jersey Circular 15-08 OMB. Information related to this single audit, including the independent auditor's report on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, along with findings and questioned costs, are included in the single audit section of this report.

# **Charter School Organization**

An elected seven member Board of Education (the "Board") serves as the policy maker for the Charter School. The Board adopts an annual budget and directly approves all expenditures which serve as the basis for control over and authorization for all expenditures of Charter School tax money.

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

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

Pace Charter School of Hamilton provides a full range of services appropriate to Kindergarten—Grade 5. 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 245 students. The following details the student enrollment of the Charter School.

# Average Daily Enrollment

Fiscal	Student	Percent
Year	Enrollment	Change
2022-2023	440	-0.06%
2021-2022	440	5.26%
2020-2021	418	10.70%
2019-2020	377.6	10.73%

**2. ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK:** Hamilton continues to experience a period of development and expansion that is expected to continue through the Twenty-First Century. The increasing number of businesses within the community results in an increase in the employment level which results in an increased tax base, both residential and industrial. This expansion is expected to continue which suggests Hamilton will continue to prosper.

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;
- (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

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

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

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

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

- 4. <u>CASH MANAGEMENT</u>: The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to 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.
- **5. RISK MANAGEMENT:** The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, directors and officers insurance and workmen's compensation.

# **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 of Trustees. In addition to meeting the requirement set forth in State statures, the annual audit was designed to meet the requirement of the Uniform Guidance and the New Jersey Circular Letter of 15-08 OMB, Single Audit for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid". The auditor's report on the basic financial statements and specified required supplemental information is included in the Financial Section of this report. The auditor's report related specifically to the single audit is included in the Single Audit Section of this report.

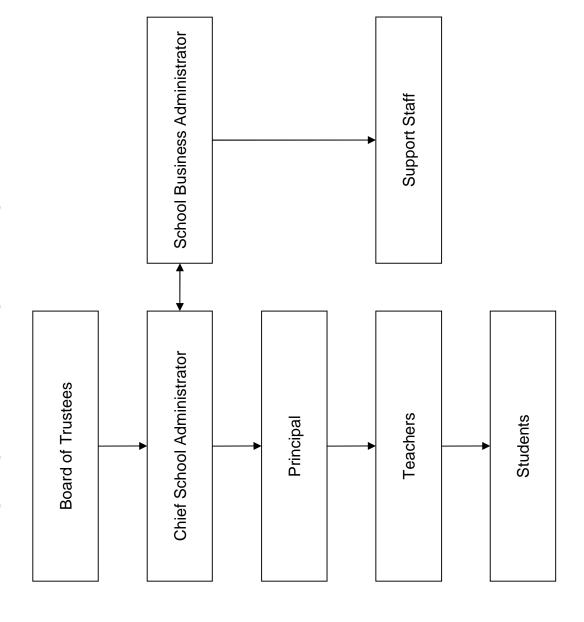
6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: We would like to express our appreciation to the members of Pace Charter School of Hamilton Board of Trustees for their concerns in providing fiscal accountability to the citizens and taxpayers of the participating charter school and thereby contributing their full support to the 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 business office staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Pontoriero Chief School Administrator

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

# **ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



# ROSTER OF OFFICIALS JUNE 30, 2023

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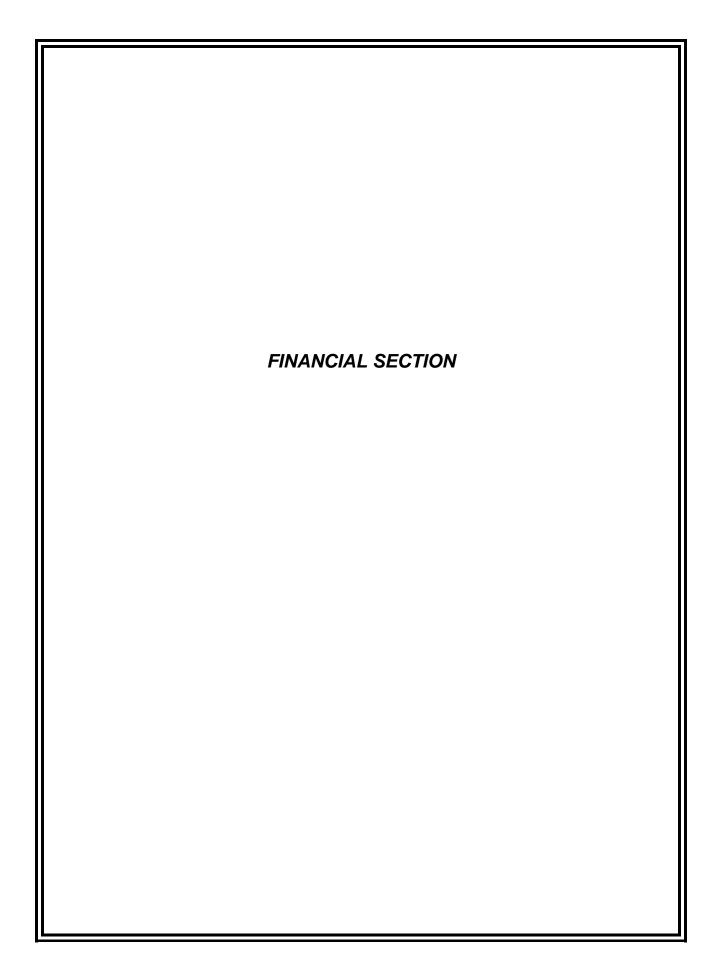
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# **Independent Auditor's Report**

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Pace Charter School of Hamilton County of Mercer Hamilton, New Jersey

# **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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton (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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton, in the, 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. 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton 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.

# Responsibility 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

### Other Matters

# Required Supplementary Information

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

# Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining statements and related major fund supporting statements and schedules, and statistical section, and schedule of expenditure of federal awards 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 state financial assistance, as required by State of New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, is also presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

### Other Information

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

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

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

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we have also issued our report dated November 28, 2023 on our consideration of the Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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, CPA's Union, New Jersey

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November 28, 2023

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I

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

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

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

# **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2023 are as follows:

- General revenues accounted for \$9,008,672 in revenue or 96% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and operating grants and contributions accounted for \$382,349 or 4% of total revenues of \$9,391,021.
- ❖ The Charter School had \$8,702,949 in expenses; only \$382,349 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$9,008,672 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- Among governmental funds, the General Fund had \$8,282,942 in revenues and \$7,300,315 in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$982,627 over 2022. This increase was anticipated by the Board of Trustees.

# **Using this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)**

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

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

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

# Reporting the Charter School as a Whole

# Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

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

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

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

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

# Reporting the Charter School's Most Significant Funds

### **Fund Financial Statements**

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

### **Governmental Funds**

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

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

# **Governmental Funds (Continued)**

cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Charter School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

# **Proprietary Fund**

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

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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

### The Charter School as a Whole

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

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

The Charter School's combined net position (deficit) was \$1,747,656on June 30, 2023 and \$1,059,584 on June 30, 2022.

### **Governmental Activities**

The Charter School's total revenues were \$9,093,845 for the year ended June 30, 2023 and \$8,224,580 for 2022, this includes \$1,256,891 for 2023 and \$1,065,904 for 2022 of state reimbursed TPAF social security and pension contributions.

The total cost of all program and services was \$8,197,622 for 2023 and \$7,530,909 for 2022. Instruction comprises \$4,933,098 for 2023 and \$4,136,320 for 2022 of Charter School expenses.

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

# **Governmental Activities (Continued)**

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

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

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

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

# **Business-Type Activity**

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

- Food service revenues exceeded expenses by \$208,151 for 2023 and by \$54,312 for 2022.
- Charges for services represent \$4,649 for 2023 and \$0 for 2022 of revenue. This represents amounts paid by patrons for daily food.
- ❖ Federal and state reimbursements for meals, including payments for free and reduced lunches and breakfast, were \$292,523 for 2023 and \$348,544 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 \$9,093,845 for 2023 and for 2022 and expenditures were \$8,111,218 for 2023 and for 2022. The net change in fund balance for the year was most significant in the general fund, an increase of \$982,627.

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

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

# The Charter School's Funds (Continued)

Revenues	Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ Decrease) From 2022	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Local Sources State Sources	\$ 3,991,001 4,157,915	43.88% 45.72%	\$ 1,731,497 (744,849)	76.63% -15.19%
Federal Sources Other Financing Sources	744,382 200,547	8.19% 2.21%	 (317,929) (3,264,476)	-29.93% -94.21%
Total	\$ 9,093,845	100.00%	\$ (2,595,757)	

The following schedule represents a summary of the expenditures of the governmental funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the amounts and percentages of increases in relation to prior year amounts.

Expenditures	 Amount	Percent of Total	,	Increase/ Decrease) From 2022	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Instruction Administration Support Services Capital Outlay	\$ 3,174,480 3,606,169 1,330,569	39.14% 44.46% 16.40% 0.00%	\$	50,979 575,911 (38,291) (3,438,564)	1.63% 19.01% -2.80% -100.00%
Total	\$ 8,111,218	100.00%	\$	(2,849,965)	

Changes in expenditures were the results of varying factors.

# **General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

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

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

# For the Future

Pace Charter School of Hamilton 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.

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

# For the Future (Continued)

In conclusion, Pace Charter School of Hamilton 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 Mr. Paul DeWitt, School Business Administrator at Pace Charter School of Hamilton, 52 Lafayette Ave, Hamilton, New Jersey 08610. Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.pacecharterschool.com/">http://www.pacecharterschool.com/</a>.

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.

# PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023

ACCETO		vernmental Activities	ess-Type ivities		Total
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Restricted Internal Balances Receivables Security Deposit Right of Use Asset, Net of Amortization	\$	2,450,516 239,079 3,628 434,765 40,790 2,097,468	\$ 37,663 (3,628) 13,116	\$	2,488,179 239,079 - 447,881 40,790 2,097,468
Total Assets		5,266,246	 47,151		5,313,397
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES: Pensions		432,782			432,782
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		432,782			432,782
LIABILITIES: Payable to State Government Accounts Payable Other Current Liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities: Due Within One Year Due Beyond One Year Pension Total Liabilities		6,098 91,643 4,655 652,303 1,650,782 1,378,716			6,098 91,643 4,655 652,303 1,650,782 1,378,716
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES: Pensions		214,326			214,326
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		214,326			214,326
NET POSITION: Restricted for: Other Purposes Unrestricted (Deficit)	Ф.	234,314 1,466,191	 47,151	<u> </u>	234,314 1,513,342
Total Net Position	\$	1,700,505	\$ 47,151	\$	1,747,656

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PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON Statement of Activities For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

						Program	Program Revenues				R	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Position	inse) Changes sition		
Functions/Programs	Expenses		Indirect Expenses Allocation	Charges for Services	for s	Ope Gran Contri	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	     ဖ	Governmental Activities	ental ss	Business-Type Activities	Type es	Total	a
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES: Instruction	\$ 3,389,919	↔	1,543,179	↔	1	<del>\$</del>	85,177	↔	<i>↔</i>	(4,8,	(4,847,921) \$	10	٠	(4,	(4,847,921)
Administration	1,441,200		643,746							(2,08	(2,084,946)			(2,	(2,084,946)
Support Services	307,164		52,351							(36	(359,515)			)	(359,515)
Interest on Long Term Debt	167,221									(16	(167,221)			Ξ	(167,221)
Unallocated Amortization and Depreciation	652,842								ļ	39)	(652,842)			)	(652,842)
Total Governmental Activities	5,958,346	↔	2,239,276		ij		85,177		•	(8,1	(8,112,445)		-	(8)	(8,112,445)
BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES: Food Service	505,327				4,649		292,523					(2	(208,155)	)	(208,155)
Total Business-Type Activities	\$ 6.463.673			¥		¥	292,523	<del>U</del>		(8.17	- 12 445) 4		(208,155)	)	(208,155)
lotal Pilitaly Government	0,403,073			Ө	4,049	Ð	377,700	Ð	<del>?</del>	(0)	0,112,443)		II.	o)	320,000)
				GENERAL REVENUES	EVENUE	S			€	Ċ		,	€	C	0
				General Purposes Federal and State Aid Not Restricted	poses State Aid	Not Res	tricted		Ð	ω, 4. છ, છ,	3,987,853 \$ 4,817,120	•	<del>/)</del>	ų 4 <sub>.</sub>	3,987,853 4,817,120
				Investment Earnings	Earnings						12		4		16
				Miscellaneous Income Transfers	ns Incom	Φ				) (	3,136				3,136
				Total General Revenues	neral Rev	sənuə			1 1	90,6	9,008,668		4	6	9,008,672
				Change in Net Position	let Positio	Ę				86	896,223	(2)	(208,151)		688,072
				Net Position - Beginning of Year	- Beginn	ing of Ye	ä		ļ	8(	804,282	2	255,302	7	1,059,584

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

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Net Position - Ending

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

# PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

Governmental Funds Balance Sheet June 30, 2023

		General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Restricted Interfund Receivables Receivables from Other Governments		2,614,540 75,055 44,783 393,610	\$ 41,155	\$ 2,614,540 75,055 44,783 434,765
Security Deposit Other Receivables		40,790	 	 40,790
Total Assets	\$	3,168,778	\$ 41,155	\$ 3,209,933
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES: Liabilities: Interfund Payables	\$	-	\$ 41,155	\$ 41,155
Payables to State Government Payables to Federal Government		6,098		6,098
Accounts Payable Payroll Deduction and Withholdings Unearned Revenues Due to District		91,643 4,655		 91,643 4,655
Total Liabilities		102,396	 41,155	 143,551
Fund Balances: Restricted For: Charter School Escrow Reserve				
Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve Unassigned:		89,079 150,000		89,079 150,000
General Fund		2,827,303	 	 2,827,303
Total Fund Balances		3,066,382	 -	3,066,382
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	3,168,778	\$ 41,155	
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statemen net position (A-1) which are different because:	t of			
Right of use leased assets used in governmental activities are resources and therefore are not reported in the funds  The cost of the assets is \$3,632,594 and the accumulated depreciation is \$1,535,126.	e not	financial		2,097,468
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not fina	ncia	I		2,037,400
uses and therefore are not reported in the funds Long-term debt included as net position from lease liabiliti				(2,303,085)
Net pension liability of \$1,378,716, deferred inflows of resort of \$214,326 less deferred outflows of resources of \$432,782 related to pensions are not reported	ource	es		
in the governmental funds				 (1,160,260)
Net Position of Governmental Activities				\$ 1,700,505

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

# PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

Governmental Funds

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund		Special Revenue Fund		Total	
REVENUES: Local Sources: Local Tax Levy Interest on Investments Miscellaneous	\$ 3,987,853 12 3,136	\$	-	\$	3,987,853 12 3,136	
Total Local Sources	3,991,001		-		3,991,001	
Intermediate Sources State Sources Federal Sources	4,091,394		66,521 744,382		- 4,157,915 744,382	
Total Revenues	 8,082,395		810,903		8,893,298	
EXPENDITURES: Instruction	2,701,098		473,382		3,174,480	
Administration	3,606,169				3,606,169	
Support Services	 993,048		337,521		1,330,569	
Total Expenditures	 7,300,315		810,903		8,111,218	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	 782,080				782,080	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Interfund Transfers:	000 547				000 547	
Transfer In	 200,547		<u>-</u>		200,547	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	 200,547		-		200,547	
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	982,627		-		982,627	
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	 2,083,755				2,083,755	
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30	\$ 3,066,382	\$	-	\$	3,066,382	

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)		\$ 982,627
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) which are different because:		
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.  Capital Outlay  Amortization  Depreciation Expense	52,842) -	(652,842)
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:  New long-term debt issued  Principal payment on long-term debt  Increase in accrued interest payable		- 611,360
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.	_	(44,921)
Change in net position of governmental activities	=	\$ 896,224



Proprietary Fund Statement of Fund Net Position June 30, 2023

	Business Type- Activities Food Service
ASSETS: Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables: Due From Other Funds Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable:	\$ 37,663
Federal State	12,601 515
Total Assets	50,779
LIABILITIES: Current Liabilities: Interfund Accounts Payable	3,628
Total Current Liabilities	3,628
Total Liabilities	3,628
NET POSITION: Unrestricted	47,151
Total Net Position	\$ 47,151

Proprietary Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023

	Business Type - Enterprise Fund				
		Food Service Progra			
	School	Fixed	Total		
	Nutrition	Price Contract	Enterrise		
OPERATING REVENUES:					
Charges for Services:					
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Program	\$ 4,649	\$ -	\$ 4,649		
Daily Sales Non-reimbursable Program	<del>-</del>	-	·		
Total Operating Revenues	4,649	<del>-</del>	4,649		
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Salaries	92,221		92,221		
Benefits	7,055		7,055		
Supplies and Materials	4,789		4,789		
Cost of Sales- Reimbursable	200,663		200,663		
Miscellaneous Expenses	52		52		
Total Operating Expenses	304,780		304,780		
OPERATING LOSS	(300,131)		(300,131)		
NONOPERATING REVENUES:					
Interest Earned	4		4		
State Source:					
State School Lunch Program	12,519		12,519		
Federal Source:					
National School Breakfast Program	54,021		54,021		
National School Lunch Program	203,003		203,003		
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	22,980		22,980		
Total Nonoperating Revenues	292,527		292,527		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Interfund Transfers:					
Transfer Out	(200,547)	<u> </u>	(200,547)		
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	(200,547)		(200,547)		
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(208,151)	-	(208,151)		
TOTAL NET POSITION, JULY 1	255,302	_	255,302		
TOTAL NET POSITION, JUNE 30	\$ 47,151	\$ -	\$ 47,151		

Proprietary Fund Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Business Type- Activities Food Service		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Cash Received from Customers Cash Payments to Suppliers and Employees	\$	167,384 (501,699)	
Net Cash Used For Operating Activities		(334,315)	
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Cash Received From State And Federal Reimbursements		292,523	
Net Cash Provided By Noncapital Financing Activities		292,523	
Net Increase In Cash And Cash Equivalents		(41,788)	
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Beginning Of Year		79,451	
Cash And Cash Equivalents, End Of Year	\$	37,663	
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used For Operating Activities: Operating Loss Used for Operating Activities Change In Assets And Liabilities: Decrease In Due From Other Funds Increase In Receivables From Other Governments Increase In Interfund Payable	\$	(500,678) 156,960 5,775 3,628	
Net Cash Used For Operating Activities	\$	(334,315)	



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Board of Education (Board) of Pace Charter School of Hamilton 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 of the Board's accounting policies are described below.

#### A. Reporting Entity

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

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB's <u>Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards</u>, 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 financial statements include all funds of the Charter School.

#### B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

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.

#### Basis of Presentation

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.

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

## **Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

#### Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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

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

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

The Charter School reports the following governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u>: 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 sub-fund.

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Charter School includes budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles as they pertain to governmental entities state that general fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such

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

## **Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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.

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>: 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: Not Applicable.

Debt Service Fund: Not Applicable.

The Charter School reports the following proprietary funds:

<u>Enterprise (Food Service) Fund</u>: 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, Trust and Agency Fund Types: In January 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 84 — Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local government, including New Jersey school districts and their charter schools. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, or FY2020-2021. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and

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

## **Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

#### Basis of Presentation (Continued)

(2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. After considering the criteria and guidance, it was determined that Payroll, Payroll Agency, and Unemployment Compensation Insurance (Fund 60), previously reported as fiduciary funds, that such activities are more appropriately reported in a general fund (Fund 10).

#### Basis of Accounting

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 unearned revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures. The Charter School is entitled to receive monies under the established payment schedule and the unpaid amount is considered to be an "accounts receivable". Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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

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

#### C. 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).

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)	\$ 821,027
Adjustments:	
Less Encumbrances at June 30, 2023	(20,248)
Plus Encumbrances at June 30, 2022	 10,124
Total Revenues and Expenditures	
(GAAP Basis)	\$ 810,903

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

## D. 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 revenue fund, are reported as assignments of fund balances at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

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

#### E. 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 <a href="Interfund Transactions">Interfund Transactions</a> (Continued)

financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the enterprise fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

#### Inventories:

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

#### Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts:

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

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

## Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

#### Capital Assets:

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

All reported capital assets except for land 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>	Estimated Useful
	<u>Lives</u>
Office & Computer Equipment	10-15
Instructional Equipment	10
<b>Grounds Equipment</b>	15

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

## Right of Use Assets

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

#### <u>Unearned Revenue</u>:

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 also recorded as unearned revenue.

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.

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

## Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

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

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

#### Net Position:

Net position represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position for net invested 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 restrictions adopted by the Charter School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Charter School's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

#### Fund Balance Reserves:

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

#### Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

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

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

## Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

#### Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions: (Continued)

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Charter School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations 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: interest and tuition.

#### Operating Revenues and Expenses:

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

#### Allocation of Indirect Expenses:

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

#### Extraordinary and Special Items:

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

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

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)

#### Management Estimates:

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

#### Accrued Salaries and Wages:

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

#### F. 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.

#### G. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles

During fiscal years 2022 through 2023, the District adopted the following GASB statements as required:

#### The Charter School has adopted the following as of June 30, 2023:

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

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

## <u>Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles (Continued)</u>

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

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

- GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, effective for the year ending June 30, 2024.
- GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, effective for the year ending June 30, 2025.

#### NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and cash equivalents includes amounts in deposits, money market accounts and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less. GASB Statement No. 40 requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Board in its cash, cash equivalents and investments.

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

#### **Deposits**

New Jersey statutes require that charter school's 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:

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

## **Deposits (Continued)**

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

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

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

#### **Investments**

New Jersey statutes permit the 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.

The Charter School had no investments. As of June 30, 2023, cash and cash equivalents of the Charter School consisted of the following:

	General	Sp	ecial	Pro	oprietary	
	Fund	Rev	venue		Fund	Total
Operating	_					 _
Account	\$ 2,689,595	\$	-	\$	37,663	\$ 2,727,258

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 \$2,727,258 and the bank balance was \$2,727,838. 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.

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

## Risk Category

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

<u>Category 1</u> — Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Board or by its agent in the Board's name

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

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

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

#### **New Jersey Cash Management Fund**

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

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

## 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 follows:

							Pro	oprietary				
		Governme	ntal I	Funds				Fund				
				Special		Total		Food		Total		
		General		Revenue	Go	vernmental	5	Service	В	usiness	Fiduciary	
		Fund		Fund		Activities		Fund	Тур	e Activities	Funds	Total
State Aid	\$	393,610	\$	-	\$	393,610	\$	515	\$	515		\$394,125
Federal Aid		-		41,155		41,155		12,601		12,601		53,756
Other		-				-		-				
Gross Receivables	-	393,610		41,155		434,765		13,116		13,116		447,881
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles		-				-		-		-		
Total Receivables, Net	\$	393,610	\$	41,155	\$	434,765	\$	13,116	\$	13,116		\$447,881

# NOTE 4: <u>INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES</u>

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:

	Ir	nterfund	Ir	nterfund
Fund	Re	eceivable	F	ayable
General Fund	\$	44,783	\$	-
Special Revenue Fund				41,155
Proprietary Fund				3,628
		_		
Total	\$	44,783	\$	44,783

#### NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS

The entity has no capital assets as of June 30, 2023.

#### NOTE 6: RENTAL LEASE

The Charter School has recorded two right to use leased assets. The assets are right to use assets for leased equipment and leased school facility. The related leases are discussed in the Leases subsection of the Liabilities section of this note. The right to use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases. Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

#### NOTE 6: RENTAL LEASE (CONTINUED)

Leased Assets	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Leased Assets Being Amortized				
Leased - Real Estate Expense	1,245,281	2,387,312	0	3,632,593
Total Leased Assets Being Amortized	1,245,281	2,387,312	0	3,632,593
Less: Accumulated Amortization				
Leased - Real Estate Expense	(255,975)	(626,308)	0	(882,283)
Total Accumulated Amortization	(255,975)	(626,308)	0	(882,283)
Total, Net of Accumulated Amortization	989,306	1,761,004	0	2,750,310

The school has entered into a ten (10) year lease commencing July 1, 2008 and expiring June 30, 2018 with a related party to lease classroom and office space at 1949 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey. The lease has since been extended for an additional five years at \$132,000 per annum. The lease is a triple net lease by which the tenant is responsible for real estate taxes, utilities, and all items of maintenance. Total lease payments made during the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$132,000.

#### NOTE 7: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The school has entered into a ten (10) year lease commencing July 1, 2008 and expiring June 30, 2018 with a related party to lease classroom and office space at 1949 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey. The lease has since been extended for an additional five years. The lease is a triple net lease by which the tenant is responsible for real estate taxes, utilities, and all items of maintenance.

On May 21, 2014, the school entered into a five (5) year lease commencing September 1, 2014 and expiring August 30, 2019 to lease classroom and office space at 3500 South Broad Street, Hamilton, New Jersey. The lease has since been extended for an additional five years.

The school entered into a ten (10) year lease commencing June 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2028 to lease classroom and office space at 528 South Olden Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2022, were as follows:

Maturity Analysis	Principal	Interest	Total
07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024	652,303	126,277	778,580
07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025	457,853	89,591	547,444
07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026	439,326	61,890	501,216
07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027	115,639	43,812	159,451
07/01/2027 - 06/30/2032	522,428	124,929	647,357
07/01/2032 - 06/30/2037	115,536	3,146	118,682
Total	2,303,085	449,646	2,752,731

## NOTE 7: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)

#### Long-term Debt Rollfoward

	Balance			Balance	Due Within
	July 01, 2022	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2023	One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Lease Liabilities	2,914,444		(611,359)	\$ 2,303,085	652,303
Net Pension Liability	954,049		424,667	1,378,716	-
Governmental Activity long-term liability	\$ 3,868,493	\$ -	\$ (186,692)	\$ 3,681,801	\$ 652,303

# NOTE 8: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

In June of 2017, the GASB issued Statement no. 87, Leases. GASB Statement No. 87 requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of GASB Statement No. 87 were effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The School adopted GASB Statement No. 87 required retrospective application to prior periods resulting in the restatement of net position and fund balance as of the beginning of the year.

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS

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

## A. Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

#### **Plan Description**

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

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

#### **Benefits Provided**

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

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

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

Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 50 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

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

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

#### Allocation Methodology and Reconciliation to Financial Statements

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers in PERS to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense. The employer allocation percentages presented in the schedule of employer allocations and applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer are based on the ration of the contributions of an individual employer to the total contributions to PERS during the measurement period July 01, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes, therefore amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer may result in immaterial differences.

Although the Division administers one cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, separate (sub) actuarial valuations are prepared to determine the actuarially determined contribution rate by group. Following this method, the measurement of the collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense are determined separately for each individual employer of the State and local groups of the plan.

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

#### Contributions

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

## NOTE 9: 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 the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment amounts certified for payments due not be included in their unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. The Charter School contributions to PERS amounted to \$ 94,315 for fiscal year 2023.

# <u>Pension Liabilities Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported a liability of \$ 1,372,964 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022 measurement date, the Charter School's proportion was 0.00909767%, which was an increase of 0.00104424% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

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

	Out	eferred flows of sources	 rred Inflows Resources
Changes in Assumptions	\$	4,254	\$ 205,587
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience		9,909	8,739
Changes in Proportion		422,950	0
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual			
Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		56,826	 0
	\$	493,939	\$ 214,326

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

# <u>Pension Liabilities Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

#### 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, 5.48, 5.57, 5.72, and 6.44 years for the 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2014 amounts, respectively.

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

Fiscal Year	
Ending June 30,	Total
2023	\$ 229,741.79
2024	117,046
2025	57,081
2026	(124,529)
2027	274
	\$ 279,613

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2021 which was rolled forward to 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%

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

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

#### **Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

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 1, 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 future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investments expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

		Long Term
		<b>Expected Real</b>
	Target	Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return
US Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Statregies 56	3.00%	4.91%

## NOTE 9: 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, 2023. 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 and the nonemployer contributing entity 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.

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

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

Measu	rement l	Date June 30, 20	22		
		1%		Current	1%
		Decrease	Dis	count Rate	Increase
		(6.00%)		(7.00%)	(8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net					
Pension Liability	\$	1,778,794	\$	1,384,591	\$ 1,049,109
Measu	rement l	Date June 30, 20	21		
		1%		Current	1%
		Decrease	Dis	count Rate	Increase
		(6.00%)		(7.00%)	(8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net					 _
Pension Liability	\$	1,313,071	\$	964,219	\$ 668,169

## **Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

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

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

## B. <u>Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF)</u>

#### **Pension Description**

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

#### **Benefit Provided**

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

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

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

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

## **Allocation Methodology**

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers in TPAF to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows in resources and collective pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions. The employer and non-employer allocation percentages presented in the schedule of employer and non-employer allocations and applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and non-employer are based on the ratio of the State's actual contributions made as an employer and non-employer adjusted for unpaid early retirement incentives to total contributions to TPAF during the year ended June 30, 2021 measurement date. Employer and non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes, therefore amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and non-employer may result in immaterial differences.

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

#### **Special Funding Situation**

The Employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:66-33. Therefore, these local participating employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a 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 local participating employers must disclose the portion of the non-employer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer was less than the actuarial determined amount.

This note discloses the portion of the Charter School's total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the Charter School. During the fiscal year ended 2023, the State of New Jersey contributed \$ 92,764 to the TPAF for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Charter School, which is less than the contractually required contribution of \$ 719,385 .

# NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

#### **Special Funding Situation (Continued)**

As June 30, 2022, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School was \$8,868,344. 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. At June 30, 2022, Charter School's proportion was 0.0171886%, which was an increase of 0.0004260% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated	
with the Charter School	 8,868,344
Total	\$ 8,868,344

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the State recognized pension expense on behalf of the Charter School in the amount of \$ 719,385 and the Charter School recognized pension expense and revenue for that same amount in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 financial statements.

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

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

## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

#### <u>Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)</u>

## **Special Funding Situation (Continued)**

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

Fiscal Year	
Ending June 30,	Total
2022 2023 2024	\$ (2,658,825,381) (3,823,762,872) (3,351,102,048)
2025	(1,509,375,379)
2026	(1,647,727,819)
Thereafter	(1,687,721,983)
	(14,678,515,482)

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

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

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

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future

# NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

## **Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2022.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 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 pension investments (7.00% at June 30, 2021) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pension and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expecting inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 is summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
		Expected Real
	Target	Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return
U.S. Equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private Equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real Assets	3.00%	7.60%
Real Estate	8.00%	11.19%
High Yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private Credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash Equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	4.91%
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## NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

#### **Discount Rate - TPAF**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

Measu	remen	t Date June 30, 2	2021			
		1% Current		1% Increase (8.00%)		
	Decrease (6.00%)		Discount Rate (7.00%)			
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net						
Pension Liability	\$	9,552,738	\$	8,073,871	\$	6,831,716

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - TPAF

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

#### C. <u>Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)</u>

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS or TPAF, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP, which is a defined contribution on plan. DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

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

The contribution policy is set by the New Jersey Statutes and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by the State of New Jersey regulation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially

# NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

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

determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

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

For DCRP, the Charter School recognized no pension expense related to DCRP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

## NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

#### General Information about the OPEB Plan

#### Plan Description and Benefits Provided

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

The State of New Jersey reports a liability as a result of its statutory requirements to pay other postemployment (health) benefits for State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, no assets are accumulated in a qualifying trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan provides medical, prescription drug, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents of local education employers.

The employer contributions for the participating local education employers are legally required to be funded by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f. According to N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f, the State provides employer-paid coverage to employees who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years or more of service credit in, or retires on a disability pension from, one or more of the following plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS), or the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP). Pursuant to Chapter 78,

#### NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

#### Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Continued)

P.L, 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage. The total non-employer OPEB liability does not include certain other postemployment benefit obligations that are provided by the local education employers. The reporting of these benefits are the responsibility of the individual local education employers.

Employees covered by benefit terms:

At June 30, 2022 the OPEB plan's measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active plan member				213,901
Inactive plan membe	ers or beneficiaries	currently receiving	benefits	150,427
Inactive plan membe	ers entitled to but no	ot yet receiving ben	efit payments	-
Total				364,328

#### Total Non-employer OPEB Liability

The total non-employer OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

#### Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

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

Inflation Rate	2.50%			
		TPAF/ABP	PERS	PFRS
Salary Increases				
Through 2026		2.75% to 4.25%	2.75% to 6.55%	3.25% to 16.25%
		based on service	based on service	based on service
		years	years	years

#### NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

#### Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Continued)

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

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2015- June 30, 2018, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018, and July 1, 2013- June 30, 2018 for TPAF, PERS and PFRS, respectively.

#### Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2022 through 2023 are reflected. For PPO the trend is initially 5.74% in fiscal year 2024, increasing to 12.93% in fiscal year 2025 and decreases to 4.5% after 11 years. For HMO the trend is initially 6.01% in fiscal year 2024, increasing to 15.23% in fiscal year 2025 and decreases to 4.5% after 11 years. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 6.75% and decreases to a 4.5% longterm trend rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%.

#### Discount rate

The discount rate for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was 2.16%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

#### NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

#### Changes in the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability

The table below summarizes the State's proportionate share of the change in the total non-employer OPEB liability associated with the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023:

				T	otal OPEB
					Liability
Balance at June 30, 20	22			\$	5,622,268
Service cost					659,321
Interest on Total OPE	B Liability	/			118,626
Effect on Changes of	Benefit T	erms			-
Difference between e	xpected a	nd actual	experience		(609,424)
Effect of Changes of	Assumptio	ons			(1,200,797)
Contributions - Emplo	yee				3,770
Gross Benefits Paid b	y the Stat	te			(117,502)
	Net Chan	ges			(1,146,006)
Balance at June 30, 20	23				4,476,262
Dalatice at Julie 30, 20	23				4,410,202

#### Sensitivity of Total Non-employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

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

	Measur	ement Date Ended June 3	30, 2022
	At 1%	At current	At 1%
	Decrease (2.54%)	discount rate (3.54%)	Increase (4.54%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 5,261,375	\$ 4,476,262	\$ 3,847,033

#### <u>Sensitivity of Total Non-employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate:</u>

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

	Measure	em	ent	Date Ended Jun	e 3	0, 20	)22
	At 1%						At 1%
	decrease			Trend Rate			Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,699,904		\$	4,476,262		\$	8,147,531

#### NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

#### **General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

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

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 the Charter School recognized OPEB expense of \$ 715,490 in the government-wide financial statements for the State's proportionate share of the OPEB Plan's OPEB expenses, associated with the Charter School. This expense and revenue was based on the OPEB Plan's June 30, 2022 measurement date.

In accordance with GASB Statement 75, as the Charter School's proportionate share of the OPEB liability is \$903,768, there is no recognition of the allocation of the proportionate share of the deferred inflows and outflows of resources. At the measurement date of June 30, 2022 the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Defe	rred Outflows	Det	ferred Inflows
	Of	Resources	С	of Resources
Difference between Actual and Expected Experience	\$	799,190	\$	(1,364,003)
Net Difference between Expected and Actual Earnings on				
OPEB Plan Investments		-		-
Assumption Changes	\$	774,728		(3,093,109)
Sub Total		1,573,918		(4,457,112)
Contributions Made in Fiscal Year 2022 after				
Measurement Date June 30, 2021		N/A		N/A
Total		1,573,918		(4,457,112)

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

Measurement Period Ending June 30	
2023	\$ (227,245)
2024	\$ (227,245)
2025	\$ (227,245)
2026	\$ (192,272)
2027	\$ (109,944)
Total Thereafter	\$ (346,580)
	\$ (1,330,530)

#### NOTE 11: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

#### **Property and Liability Insurance**

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

#### NOTE 12: FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

#### General Fund

The General Fund fund balance of \$2,827,303 in the fund financial statements at June 30, 2023 is unassigned.

#### NOTE 13: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through November 28, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II

SECTION C – BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

#### PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers		Final Budget	Actual	 Variance nal to Actual Favorable Infavorable)
REVENUES: Local Levy Budget:						
"Local Levy" Local Share-Charter School Aid	\$ 4,103,871	(116,018)	\$	3,987,853	\$ 3,987,853	\$ -
Total Local Levy Budget	 4,103,871	(116,018)		3,987,853	 3,987,853	 
Categorical Aid: "Local Levy" State Share-Charter School Aid Special Education Aid Security Aid	2,419,425 104,406 194,923	127,561 (19,229) 7,417		2,546,986 85,177 202,340	 2,546,986 85,177 202,340	- - -
Total Categorical Aid	 2,718,754	115,749		2,834,503	 2,834,503	 
Revenues From Other Sources: Interest Income Miscellaneous Revenue On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions					12 3,136	12 3,136
(Non-Budgeted) On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions					833,321	833,321
(Non-Budgeted) On-Behalf TPAF Long Term Disability Contributions					218,912	218,912
(Non-Budgeted)					692	692
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)					 203,966	 203,966
Total Revenues From Other Sources	 				 1,260,039	 1,260,039
Total Revenues	6,822,625	(269)		6,822,356	 8,082,395	1,260,039
EXPENDITURES: Instruction:						
Salaries of Teachers Other Salaries for Instruction	2,350,000 480,000	(145,643)		2,204,357 480,000	2,058,121 444,147	146,236 35,853
Purchased Prof/Tech Services	48,000			48,000	32,309	15,691
Other Purchased Services	50,000	8,142		58,142	55,665	2,477
General Supplies Textbooks	120,000 45,000	(15,235) (20,542)		104,765 24,458	82,978 8,108	21,787 16,350
Miscellaneous	 30,000	(20,342)		30,000	 19,770	 10,230
Total Instruction	3,123,000	(173,278)		2,949,722	2,701,098	 248,624
Administration:						
Salaries - General Administration	857,000	(14,140)		842,860	729,340	113,520
Salaries of Secretarial/Clerical Assistants	337,000			337,000	314,495	22,505
Total Benefits Cost	877,800	146,575		1,024,375	982,385	41,990
Purchases Prof/Tech Services	125,000	40,492		165,492	135,507	29,985
Other Purchased Services Communications/Telephone	150,000 22,000	18,667 2,512		168,667 24,512	150,107 23,682	18,560 830
Supplies and Materials	25,000	2,312		25,000	23,062 12,437	12,563
Miscellaneous Expenses	 2,500	(1,173)	_	1,327	1,325	 12,303
Total Administration	 2,396,300	192,933		2,589,233	2,349,278	 239,955

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

(Continued from Prime Page)	Original Budget	 Budget Transfers	 Final Budget	 Actual	Fina F	ariance al to Actual avorable favorable)
(Continued from Prior Page) Support Services: Salaries Rental of Land and Buildings Debt Service - Principal and Interest Transportation-Other Than To/From School Insurance for Property, Liability and Fidelty Supplies and Materials Energy Costs (Heat and Electricity) Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 156,000 850,000 12,000 38,000 36,000 62,000 2,500	\$ 10,042 (24,932)	\$ 156,000 850,000 22,042 13,068 36,000 62,000 2,500	\$ 84,887 26,992 778,580 22,042 - 29,386 49,651 1,510	\$	71,113 823,008 (778,580) - 13,068 6,614 12,349 990
Total Support Services	 1,156,500	 (14,890)	 1,141,610	 993,048		148,562
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	-	-		833,321		(833,321)
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	-	-		218,912		(218,912)
On Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	-	-		692		(692)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	 	 	 	 203,966		(203,966)
Total Expenditures	 6,675,800	 4,765	 6,680,565	 7,300,315		433,175
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	 146,825	 (5,034)	 141,791	 782,080		640,289
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Transfer In - Food Service				200,547		200,547
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	 -	 	 -	 200,547		200,547
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	146,825	(5,034)	141,791	982,627		840,836
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	2,083,755	-	 2,083,755	 2,083,755		-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 2,230,580	\$ (5,034)	\$ 2,225,546	\$ 3,066,382	\$	840,836
Recapitulation of Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 2,230,580	\$ (5,034)	\$ 2,225,546	\$ 3,066,382	\$	840,836
Total	\$ 2,230,580	\$ (5,034)	\$ 2,225,546	\$ 3,066,382	\$	840,836

#### PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

Special Revenue Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

		Original Budget		Budget Transfers		Final Budget		Actual		/ariance al to Actual
REVENUE SOURCES:										
State	_	66,521	_		_	66,521	_	66,521	_	-
Federal	\$	1,044,496	\$		\$	1,044,496	\$	744,382	\$	(300,114)
Total Revenues		1,111,017				1,111,017		810,903		(300,114)
EXPENDITURES: Instruction:										
Salaries		744,260				744,260		456,070		288,190
General Supplies		17,312				17,312		17,312		-
Total Instruction		761,572				761,572		473,382		288,190
Support Services:										
Salaries		119,200				119,200		119,200		-
Personal Services - Employee Benefits		140,971				140,971		118,923		22,048
Purchased Technical Services		18,833				18,833		18,833		-
Other Purchased Services		66,521				66,521		66,521		-
Supplies and Materials		3,920		10,124		14,044		14,044		-
Total Support Services		349,445		10,124		359,569		337,521		22,048
Total Expenditures		1,111,017		10,124		1,121,141		810,903		310,238
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)										
Expenditures	\$		\$	(10,124)	\$	(10,124)	\$		\$	10,124

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

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

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

		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund
Sources/Inflows of Resources Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues" from the budgetary comparison schedules	[C-1] \$	8,282,942	[C-2]	810,903
Difference - Budget to GAAP Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related revenue is recognized	_			<u> </u>
Total revenues as reports on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - governmental funds.	[B-2] <u>\$</u>	8,282,942	[B-2] <u></u>	810,903
Uses/Outflows of resources Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1] \$	7,300,315	[C-2]	810,903
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.	_	<u>.                                    </u>	_	
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds.	[B-2] <u>\$</u>	7,300,315	[B-2]_ <u>\$</u>	810,903

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

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

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

		2015		2016		2017		Fis 2018	scal Ye	Fiscal Year Ending June 30 2019	e 30,	2020		2021		2022	2023	
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0	0.00155107%	0.0	0250878%		0.004265865%	o.	.005618210%	0.0	0.005197250%	0.0	0.005679902%	ö	0.005750456%	0.0	).005750456%	0.009097670%	%0292
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	↔	296,440	❖	469,712	❖	957,601		1,663,973	❖	\$ 1,663,973 \$ 1,209,837 \$	❖	1,209,837	δ.	1,036,145	δ.	954,049	\$ 1,37	1,372,964
Charter School's covered payroll (plan measurement date)	₩	318,635	↔	464,711	Ş	339,903	Ŷ	339,903	❖	417,138	❖	485,747	Ŷ	576,075	δ.	618,448	\$ 93	933,190
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll		83%		101%		282%		490%		290%		249%		180%		154%		147%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		48.72%		52.08%		47.93%		45.37%		51.55%		51.55%		23.60%		58.32%	Ψ	62.91%

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES
SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS
UNAUDITED

				Fiscal	Year Ending Ju	ne 30,			
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 2	2020	2021	2022	2023
Contractually required contribution	\$ 11,687	\$ 20,682	\$ 36,675	\$ 20,682 \$ 36,675 \$ 49,912 \$ 49,912 \$ 49,912 \$ 55,502 \$ 55,935	\$ 49,912	\$ 49,912	\$ 55,502	\$ 55,935	\$ 114,726
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributior	(11,687)	(20,682)	(36,675)	(48,147)	(48,147)	(55,502)	(55,935)	(94,315)	(114,726)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	٠.	· •	· •	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,765	\$ (5,590)	\$ (433)	\$ (38,380)	, sv
Charter School's covered payroll (fiscal year)	\$ 318,635	\$ 464,711	\$ 339,903	\$ 339,903	\$ 417,138	• .	\$ 485,747 \$ 576,075	\$ 618,448	\$ 933,190
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	3.67%	4.45%	10.79%	14.68%	11.97%	10.28%	9.63%	9.04%	12.29%

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

		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
State's proportion of the net pension liability attributable of the Charter School	Ö	0.00487680%	0.0	0.00615718%	0.0	0.00593393%	0	0.00841980%	0	0.01261200%	0.0	0.01302860%	Ö	0.01418773%	0	0.01676260%	0	0.01718860%	%09
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Charter School	Φ.	2,464,673	s	3,290,812	s,	3,750,497	s.	6,623,536	s	8,199,502	s	8,288,500	s	8,707,141	\$	8,058,650	s.	8,868,344	44
Charter School's covered payroll (plan measurement date)	<b>\$</b>	969,160	\$-	915,411	<b>↔</b>	1,268,995	\$	1,475,439	\$	1,624,817	\$-	\$ 1,813,449	<b>⇔</b>	1,991,939	\$	2,482,813	\$	2,725,544	44
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll		254.31%		359.49%		295.55%		448.92%		504.64%		457.06%		437.12%		324.58%		325.38%	%88
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		33.76%		33.64%		28.71%		22.33%		22.33%		22.33%		26.95%		24.48%		35.52%	%7%

SCHEDULE M – SCHEDULES RELATED TO ACCOUNTING AND REPORT	ING FOR
POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS	

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

lune 30, 2017	lur	ne 30 2018	lu					ine 30, 2021		lune 30, 2022		une 30. 2023
Julie 50, 2017	- 501	10 00, 2010		nic 50, 2015		une 50, 2020		anc 50, 2021	`	Julie 30, 2022		une 50, 2525
-	\$	3,649,621	\$	3,518,893	\$	-,	\$	3,375,185	\$	6,232,609	\$	5,622,268
		444,657		366,132		338,952		376,846		704,606		659,321
		115,576		137,717		126,699		129,496		145,848		118,626
NOT AVAILABLE		-		-		-		-		(5,984)		-
NOT AVAILABLE				(618,457)		(24,974)		1,317,815		(1,349,200)		(609,424)
		(612,457)		(342,512)		50,324		1,138,483		5,547		(1,200,797)
		3,001		2,758		3,071		3,289		3,729		3,770
		(81,505)		(79,810)		(103,608)		(108,505)		(114,887)		(117,502)
NOT AVAILABLE		(130,728)		(534,172)		390,464		2,857,424		(610,341)		(1,146,006)
NOT AVAILABLE		3,649,621		3,518,893		2,984,721		3,375,185		6,232,609		5,622,268
3 649 621		3 518 803		2 08/ 721		3 375 185		6 232 600		5 622 268		4,476,262
	NOT AVAILABLE  NOT AVAILABLE  3.649.621	NOT AVAILABLE  NOT AVAILABLE	\$ 3,649,621 444,657 115,576 NOT AVAILABLE  (612,457) 3,001 (81,505) NOT AVAILABLE  (130,728) 3,649,621	\$ 3,649,621 \$ 444,657 115,576  NOT AVAILABLE  (612,457) 3,001 (81,505)  NOT AVAILABLE  (130,728) 3,649,621	June 30, 2017   June 30, 2018   June 30, 2019	\$ 3,649,621 \$ 3,518,893 \$ 444,657 366,132 115,576 137,717    NOT AVAILABLE (612,457) (612,457) (342,512) 3,001 2,758 (61,505) (79,810)    NOT AVAILABLE (130,728) (534,172) 3,649,621 3,518,893	Same 30, 2017   June 30, 2018   June 30, 2019   June 30, 2020	\$ 3,649.621 \$ 3,518.893 \$ 2,984,721 \$ 444,657 366,132 338,952 115,576 137,717 126,699  NOT AVAILABLE (612,457) (342,512) 50,324 3,001 2,758 3,071 (81,505) (79,810) (103,608)  NOT AVAILABLE (130,728) (534,172) 390,464 3,649,621 3,518,893 2,984,721	Same 30, 2017   June 30, 2018   June 30, 2019   June 30, 2020   June 30, 2021	Same 30, 2017   June 30, 2018   June 30, 2019   June 30, 2020   June 30, 2021	Second Part   Second Part	Same

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

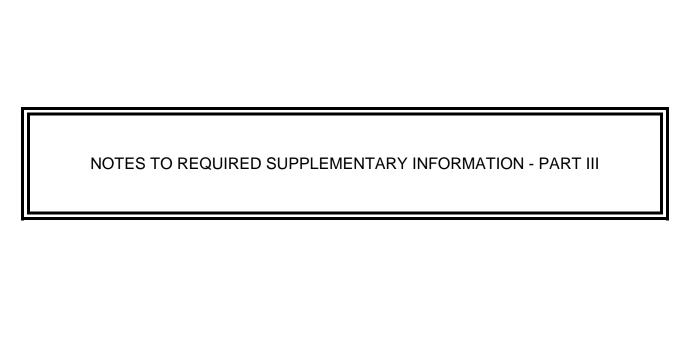
#### Notes to Schedule:

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

Update in census information Premium and Claims Experience Total \$ 1,102,043,610

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

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



## PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### 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 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statement No. 67.

## PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TEACHER'S PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### 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 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statement No. 67.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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

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

THE PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures
Budgetary Basis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

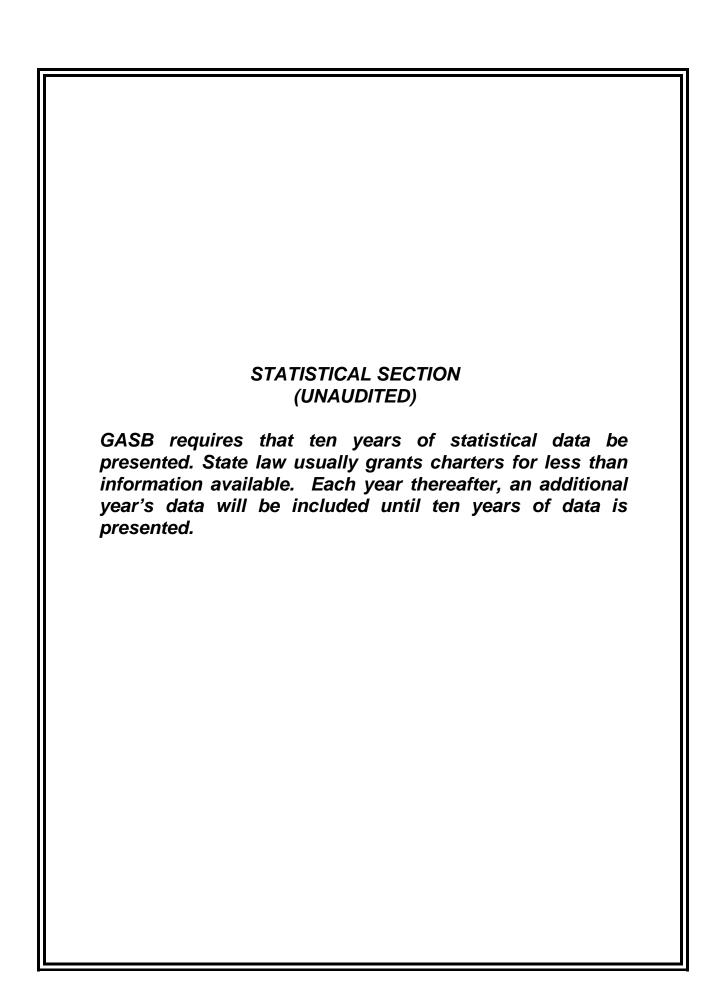
		Title I	= =	.D.E.A. Basic	I.D.E.A. Part B Preschool	B A. ool	ARP ESSER	ARP ESSER Comprehensive Beyon the school		ARP ESSER Summer Learning and Enrichment	SDA Emergent Needs Capital Maintenance		Total
REVENUE SOURCES: Federal State	↔	208,524	↔	98,549	€	1,833	\$ 401,236	\$ 32,	32,994 \$	1,246	\$ 66,521		744,382 66,521
Total Revenues	↔	208,524	<del>S</del>	98,549	€9	1,833	\$ 401,236	\$ 32,	32,994 \$	1,246	\$ 66,521	S	810,903
EXPENDITURES: Instruction: Salaries of Teachers General Supplies	↔	122,260 11,791	↔	52,000	₩		\$ 252,318	\$ 29,	29,492 1,246	1,246	₩		456,070 17,312
Total Instruction		134,051		55,029			252,318	30,	30,738	1,246			473,382
Support Services: Salaries of Other Professional Staff Personal Services - Employee Benefits Purchased Prof/Ed Services Other Purchased Professional Services Supplies and Materials		8,200 62,353 3,920		26,520 17,000	_	1,833	111,000 27,794 10,124		2,256		66,521		119,200 118,923 18,833 66,521 14,044
Total Support Services		74,473		43,520		1,833	148,918	2,	2,256		66,521		337,521
Total Expenditures	↔	208,524	↔	98,549	€	1,833	\$ 401,236	↔	32,994 \$	1,246	\$ 66,521	ક	810,903

#### SECTION G – PROPRIETARY FUND 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 for the Charter School.

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



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#### **Contents**

#### **Financial Trends**

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

#### Revenue Capacity (Not Applicable to Charter School)

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

#### **Debt Capacity**

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

#### **Demographic and Economic Information**

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

#### **Operating Information**

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

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

### FINANCIAL TRENDS

Source: Charter School's Records

# PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON Net Assets/Position by Component Last Ten Fiscal Years (accrual basis of accounting)

	2023	2022	7	2021		2020		2019		2018	20	2017	20	2016	7	2015		2014
Governmental Activities Net investment in capital assets Restricted Unrestricted Total Governmental Activities Net Assets/Position	\$ 234,314 1,466,191 \$ 1,700,505	\$ 314,111 490,171 \$ 804,282	φ φ	- 344,750 145,735)	<del>6</del>	- 75,000 (4,524) 70,476	89 89	- - (347,254) (347,254)	\$	- - 178,199) - 178,199)	\$ \$	- - (119,579)	\$ 7 6	124,763 - 701,065 825.828	<del></del>	134,796 - 218,960 353,756	<del>6</del> 6	79,333 - 518,928 598,261
Business-Type Activities Unrestricted	\$ 47,151 \$ 255,302	\$ 255,302	₩ ₩	200,990	₩ ₩	173,513	မ မ	147,765 \$ 102,147	<b>.</b>	102,147	\$ \$	7,869		45,419		11,171		(6,331)
Total Business-Type Activities Net Assets/Position Charter School-wide Restricted	\$ 47,151 \$ 255,302 \$ 234,314 \$ 314,111	\$ 255,302 \$ 314,111	<b>ы</b>	200,990 344,750	₩.	173,513 75,000	₩.	147,765	₩.	102,147	₩.	7,869		45,419	₩.	- 11,171	₩.	(6,331)
Unrestricted Total Charter School-wide Net Assets/Position	\$ 1,513,342	\$ 1,513,342	မ မ	55,255	မှ မှ	168,989     \$ (199,489)     \$       243,989     \$ (199,489)     \$	<del>မ</del> မ	(199,489)	<del>ഗ</del>	(76,052) \$ (41,710) \$ 746,484 (76,052) \$ (41,710) \$ 871,247	7) 7) 8) 8	(41,710)	8 4	746,484	မ မ	230,131	s s	512,597

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON Changes in Net Assets/Position For the Last Ten Fiscal Years (accrual basis of accounting)

## Source: Charter School's Records

	2023		2022		2021	2020	20	2019	2018		2017	72	2016	2015	2	2014
Expenses Governmental Activities: Instruction Administration Support Services Capital Outlay Unallocated	\$ 4,93 2,08 35	4,933,098 \$ 2,084,946 359,515	3,383,071 2,900,872 423,634	↔	2,956,107 2,820,908 1,028,555	\$ 2,3 2,4 1,0	2,353,345	2,223,758 2,257,619 1,095,895 79,473	\$ 1,917,992 2,081,866 1,007,208	392 \$ 866 208	1,661,543 1,523,278 987,655	& -, -,	1,574,055 1,359,421 689,176 -	\$ 1,912,763 493,084 791,242 -	. ↔	,483,232 385,112 316,351
Interest on Long - Term Debt Unallocated Amortization and Depreciation Total Governmental Activites Expenses	165 65, 8,19	167,221 652,842 197,622	197,023 626,309 7,530,909		- 6,805,570	5,7	5,797,945	5,656,745	5,007	990,	4,172,476	က်	0 632,685	3,207,122		0 2,184,695
Business-Type Activities: Food Service Total Business-Type Activites Expenses	50	505,327 505,327	294,232 294,232		92,562 92,562		131,348 131,348	126,326 126,326	136,716	716	112,563 112,563		110,917	100,294 100,294		73,191 73,191
Total Charter School Expenses	\$ 8,70	8,702,949 \$	7,825,141	છ	6,898,132	\$ 5,9	5,929,293	\$ 5,783,071	\$ 5,143,782	*82	4,285,039	& 3	3,743,602 \$	3,307,416	↔	2,257,886
Program Revenues Governmental Activities: Operating Grants and Contributions Total Governmental Activites Expenses	න <mark>න</mark>	85,177 \$ 85,177	60,131 60,131	69	51,340 51,340	↔	58,350 58,350	\$ 41,844 41,844	\$ 23	232 \$	14,458 14,458	↔	21,599 3	\$ 17,215 17,215	φ.	4,303
Business-Type Activities: Charges for Services Operating Grants and Contributions Total Business-Type Activites Expenses	29	4,649 292,523 297,172	348,544 348,544		120,039 120,039		5,844 151,252 157,096	8,076 163,868 171,944	9 151 160	,205 ,789 ,994	4,924 140,089 145,013		5,171 139,945 145,116	4,985 112,811 117,796		5,928 71,118 77,046
Total Charter School Prgram Revenue	\$	382,349 \$	408,675	s	171,379	\$	215,446 \$	, 213,788	\$ 184,226	\$ \$	159,471	s	166,715 \$	135,011	s	81,349
Net (Expense)/Revenue Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities Total Charter School Net Expense	\$ (8,11. (20) \$ (8,32)	(8,112,445) \$ (208,155) (8,320,600) \$	(7,470,778) 54,312 (7,416,466)	<del>\$</del>	(6,754,230) 27,477 (6,726,753)	\$ (5,7	(5,739,595) § 25,748 (5,713,847) §	\$ (5,614,901) 45,618 \$ (5,569,283)	\$ (4,983,834) 24,278 \$ (4,959,556)	334) \$ 278 556) \$	(4,158,018) 32,450 (4,125,568)	<b>↔</b> ↔	(3,611,086) \$ 34,199 (3,576,887) \$	\$ (3,189,907) 17,502 \$ (3,172,405)	↔ ↔	(2,180,392) 3,855 (2,176,537)
General Revenues Governmental Activities: General Purposes Federal and State Aid Not Restricted Investment Earnings Miscellaneous Income Transfers Transfers	\$ 3,98 4,81 20 20 20 20	3,987,853 \$ 4,817,120 12 3,136 200,547 9,008,668	2,252,722 5,904,944 - 6,783 - 6,783	↔	2,125,126 4,757,062 581 6,882,769	\$ 1,7 4,3	1,779,711 8 4,355,674 1,364 20,576 - 6,157,325	\$ 1,438,179 4,073,589 978 - - 5,512,746	\$ 1,108,428 3,816,786 - - 4,925,214	\$ 86 86 174	836,420 2,949,911 - - - 3.786,331	φ (n	742,917 862,636 - - - - - - - - - -	\$ 671,935 2,585,546 - 15,524 - 3.273,005	& -   C	399,114 1,886,472 - - - - 2,285,586
Business-Type Activities: Investment Earnings Miscellaneous Income Total Business-Type Activites Expenses		4 4								l         .			- 49 49	ω , ω		
Total Charter School Wide	00'6	9,008,672 \$	8,164,449	s	6,882,769	\$ 6,1	6,157,325 \$	5,512,746	\$ 4,925,214	\$ \$14	3,786,331	& %	3,605,602 \$	3,273,013	s	2,285,586
Change in Net Assets/Position Governmental Activities Business-Type Activities Total Charter School	\$ 89 (20) \$ 68	896,223 \$ (208,151) \$	693,671 54,312 747,983	φ φ	128,539 27,477 156,016	& & 4 4	25,748 25,748 443,478	\$ (102,155) 45,618 \$ (56,537)	(58,620) 24,278 (34,342)	520) \$ 278 342) \$	(371,687) 32,450 (339,237)	<i></i>	(5,533) \$ 34,248 28,715 \$	\$ 83,098 17,510 \$ 100,608	မှ မှ	105,194 3,855 109,049

Source: Charter School's Records

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

2014	· &	518,928	\$ 518,928
2015	ı	546,563	546,563
	↔		8
2016	1	701,066	701,066
	↔		8
2017		532,876	532,876
	↔		8
2018		609,947	609,947
	↔		8
2019	ı	631,817	631,817
	€		8
2020		1,188,584	1,188,584
	↔		\$
2021		1,443,740	1,443,740
	↔		\$
2022	314,111	1,769,644	2,083,755
	↔		\$
2023	239,079	2,827,303 1,769,644	\$ 3,066,382 \$ 2,083,755 \$ 1
	General Fund Restricted	Unassigned	Total General Fund

Source: Charter School's Records

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
Last Ten Fiscal Years
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	4
Revenues: Local Sources: State Sources Federal Sources	\$ 3,991,001 4,157,915 744.382	\$ 2,259,504 4,902,764 1.062,311	\$ 2,125,707 4,208,899 599,503	\$ 1,801,651 3,778,080 241,347	\$ 1,439,157 3,498,601 233.450	\$ 1,108,428 \$ 3,088,995 230,261	\$ 836,420 2,676,416 207.089	\$ 742,917 2,538,554 293,342	\$ 687,459 2,390,640 212.121	\$ 390 1,630 255	399,114 ,635,319 255,456
Total Revenues	8,893,298	8,224,579	6,934,109	5,821,078	5,171,208	4,427,684	3,719,925	3,574,813	3,290,220	2,28	2,289,889
Expenditures: Instruction	3,174,480	3,123,501	2,956,107	2,353,345	2,223,758	1,917,992	1,661,543	1,574,055	1,526,772	1,19	,199,404
Administration	3,606,169	2,999,868	2,659,725	1,909,935	1,750,213	1,425,412	1,319,781	1,209,418	908'688	89	680,402
Support Services	1,330,569	1,399,250	1,063,121	1,001,031	1,095,895	1,007,208	987,655	689,176	780,511	Š	304,889
Capital Outlay		3,438,564	•	•	79,473			•	65,496	æ	85,000
Total Expenditures	8,111,218	10,961,183	6,678,953	5,264,311	5,149,339	4,350,612	3,968,979	3,472,649	3,262,585	2,26	2,269,695
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	782,080	(2,736,604)	255,156	556,767	21,869	77,072	(249,054)	102,164	27,635	Z	20,194
Other Financing Source (Uses): Transfers In Transfers Out	200,547	3,465,023									
Total Other Financing Uses	200,547	3,465,023		1							

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Net Change in Fund Balance

#### PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON

General Fund - Other Local Revenue by Source Last Ten Fiscal Years (modified accrual basis of accounting)

Fiscal Year	Dor	nations	<u> </u>	nterest	cellaneous evenue	Total
2023	\$	-	\$	12	\$ 3,136	\$ 3,148
2022		-		-	6,782	6,782
2021		-		-	581	581
2020		-		1,364	20,576	21,940
2019		-		978	-	978
2018		-		-	-	-
2017		-		-	-	-
2016		-		-	-	-
2015		-		-	15,524	15,524
2014		-		-	-	-

Source: Charter School's Records

## OPERATING INFORMATION

Source: Charter School's Records

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

Function 2023 2022 2021	38 38	Administrative 4 4	Support Services 15 16	Food Service 4 4	61 62
21 2020	35 35	4	16 14	3 3	58 56
2019	29	8	16	4	51
2018	25	8	10	ဇ	40
2017	23	7	13	3	41
2016	24	7	10	4	40
2015	26	7	10	4	42
2014	4	2	9	8	25

Source: Charter School's Records

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON
Operating Statistics
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Student Attendance Percentage	93.83%	97.73%	%60'86	98.49%	98.53%	%00.86	98.73%	%20.66	97.20%	97.32%
Percent Change in Average Daily Enrollment	-0.06%	2.26%	10.70%	10.73%	39.18%	3.38%	9.72%	51.05%	27.68%	-0.88%
Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	412.61	430	410	371.9	336.0	240.1	234.0	214.0	139.0	109.0
Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)	439.72	440	418	377.6	341.0	245.0	237.0	216.0	143.0	112.0
Pupil / Teacher Ratio	11:1	12:1	12:1	11:1	12:1	10.9:1	9.8:1	10.64:1	10.64:1	14.62:1
Teaching Staff	40	38	32	35	29	24	26	7	∞	7
Percentage Change	7.82%	7.00%	14.43%	-6.08%	-14.57%	3.92%	4.17%	-25.07%	14.91%	25.22%
Cost Per Pupil	\$ 18,435	17,097	15,978	13,964	14,868	17,402	16,747	16,077	21,457	18,673
Operating kpenditures	8,111,218	7,522,619	6,678,953	5,264,311	5,069,866	4,350,612	3,968,979	3,472,649	3,197,089	2,184,695
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Enrollment	440	440	418	377	341	250	237	216	149	117
Fiscal Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014

Sources: Charter School records

Note: Enrollment based on annual final 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).

Source: Charter School's Records

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON
School Building Information
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Charter School Building Lower School	2023	2022			2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
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Capacity (students)	420	432	405	345	255	250	230	120	120	120
Enrollment	440	440			341	250	237	216	149	117

Number of Schools at June 30, 2023 Lower School = 1

Insurance Schedule June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)

		Coverage	De	ductible
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Commercial General Liability - NJ School Boards Association Insurance Group	æ	1 000 000		
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$	1,000,000		
Personal and Advertising Injury		4 000 000		
Aggregate Limit		1,000,000		
Per Occurrence		1,000,000		
Child Molestation/Sexual Abuse				
Aggregate Limit		3,000,000		
Per Occurrence		1,000,000	_	
Employee Benefits Liability		1,000,000	\$	1,000
Premises Medical Payments				
Per Person		1,000		100
Per Accident		10,000		
Commercial Property - NJSBA Insurance Group				
Blanket Real and Personal Property				
Per Occurrence		485,000		1,000
Blanket Extra Expense		250,000		
Blanket Valuable Papers and Records		50,000		
EDP Coverage - NJSBA Insurance Group		·		
Blanket Hardware		25,000		1,000
Blanket Data, Media Software		25,000		•
Blanket Extra Expense		included		
Business Automobile Coverage - NJSBA Insurance Group				
Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage				
Per Accident (Hired and Non-Owned Only)		1,000,000		
Crime Coverage - NJSBA Insurance Group		.,000,000		
Faithful Performance Limit		25,000		500
Money and Securities Limit		20,000		000
Errors and Omissions - Legion Insurance Company				
Aggregate Limit		1,000,000		5,000
Excess Liability - Umbrella Form - NJSBA Insurance Group		1,000,000		3,000
Aggregate Limit		1,000,000		
Per Occurrence		, ,		
		1,000,000		
Self-Insured Retention		10,000		
Workman's Compensation - NJSBA Insurance Group		5 000 000		
Each Accident		5,000,000		
Disease				
Each Employee		5,000,000		
Policy Limit		5,000,000		
Boiler and Machinery - NJSBA Insurance Group				
Combined Single Limit for Property Damage and Extra Expense		100,000,000		1,000

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON
New Jesery Performance Framework Financial Ratios
Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators
Audited Performance Indicators
Fiscal Ratios
Last Three Fiscal Years

		2021	2022	2023			
		Audit	Audit	Audit	Source		
	Cash	1,286,692	2,055,379	2,727,258	Audit: Exhibit A-1		
	Current Assets (include cash)	1,928,421	2,483,968	3,219,557	Audit: Exhibit A-1		
	Current Liabilities	283,691	144,911	102,396	Audit: Exhibit A-1		
	Total Expenses	6,898,132	7,825,141	8,702,949	Audit: Exhibit A-2		
	Change in Net Position	156,016	747,983	688,072	Audit: Exhibit A-2		
	Final Average Daily Enrollment (exclude PK)*	371.00	430.00	440.00	DOE Final Enrollment Report		
	March 30 Budgeted Enrollment (exclude PK)	370	440	440	March 30 Charter School Budget		
	Complete section only if auditee has mortgage/note/bond payable:						
	Depreciation Expense				Auditor/Workpapers		
	Interest Expense	•	197,023	167,221	Auditor/Workpapers		
	Principal Payments	-	-		Auditor/Workpapers		
	Interest Payments		197,023	167,221	Auditor/Workpapers		
	Performance Indicators	2021	2022	2023	3 YR CUM	Calculation****	Target***
	Near Term Indicators						
1a.	Current Ratio (working capital ratio)	6.80	17.14	31.44		Current Assets/Current Liabilities	> 1.1 or between 1.0-1.1 with positive trend
1b.	Unrestricted days cash on hand	68.08	95.87	114.38		Cash/(Total Expenses/365)	60 days or 30-60 days with positive trend
		100%	%86	100%	%66	Average Daily Enrollment/Budgeted Enrollment	>95% or >95%
1c.	Enrollment Variance						for 3 yr cum
		ON	ON	ON		Auditor	
1d.**	Default on loans or delinquent in debt payments						not in default
	Sustainability Indicators						
2a***	s 3 Year Cumulative Cash How	271,071	768,687	671,879	1,711,637	Net change in cash flow from prior years	3 yr cum positive with most recent year postive
2b	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N/A	4.80	5.11		N/A or (Change in Net Position + depreciation + interest expense) / (principal + interest payments)	>1.10

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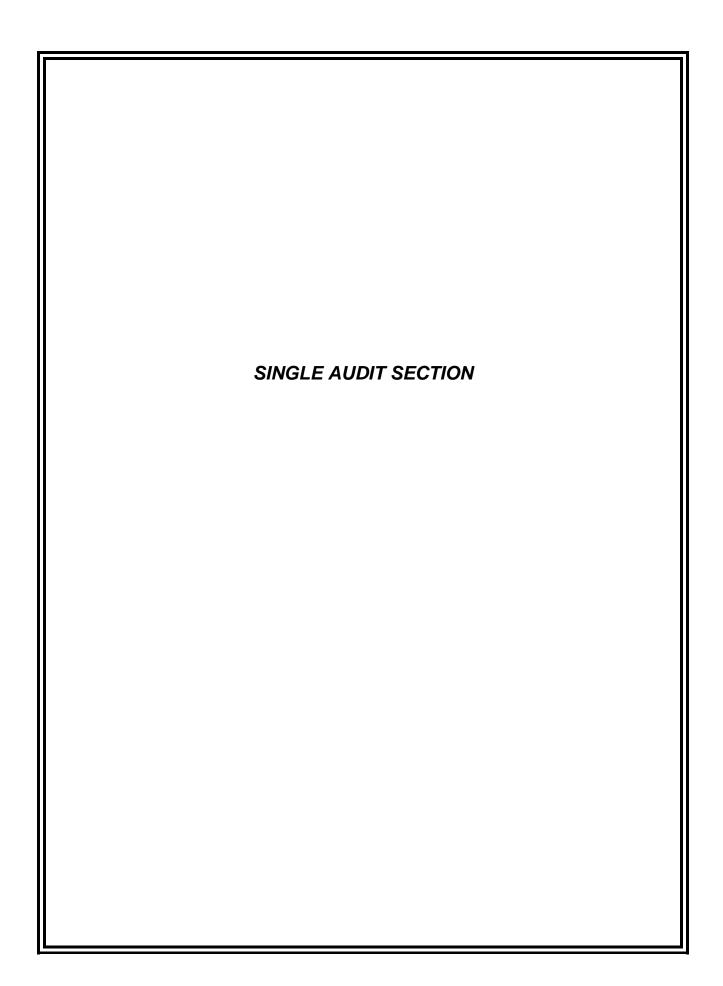
Is school in default of loan coverant(s) and/or is deliquent with debt service payments? Yes or No 2023 = 2023 Cash - 2022 Cash - 2021 Cash; 2021 = 2021 Cash - 2020 Cash Refer to VI Performance Framework

Mets 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton County of Mercer Hamilton, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Pace Charter School of Hamilton (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 November 28, 2023.

#### **Reporting 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 over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charter School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other 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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**Union New Jersey** 

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Union New Jersey November 28, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND NEW JERSEY CIRCULAR 15-08 OMB

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Pace Charter School of Hamilton County of Mercer Hamilton, New Jersey

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

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

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

In our opinion, the Pace Charter School of Hamilton, 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 state programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### Basis for Opinion on Each Major State and Federal 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 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; and New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Pace Charter School of Hamilton and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state and federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton's State and Federal 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a quarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Pace Charter School of Hamilton's compliance with the requirements of each major State program as a whole.

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

• Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Uniform Guidance and 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 and Federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

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	Federal	Additional	Federal	Grant or State	Program or				Carryover/			Passed Through		Repayment	Balano	Balance at June 30, 2023	
Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/	Listing	Award	FAIN	Project	Award	Gran	Grant Period	Balance at	(Walkover)	Cash	Budgetary	, To		Of Prior Years'		Unearned	Due to
Program Title	Number	dentification	Number	Number	Amount	From	0	June 30, 2022	Amount	Received	Expenditures	Subrecipients	Adjustments	Balances	Receivable	Revenue	Grantor
U.S. Department of Education Passed Armony Sake begarment of Education Special Revenue Fund No Chief Left Behind Title I Part A Total No Chief Left Behind	84.010A	N. A.	S010A150030	NCLB - 7500 - 23 \$	208,524	9/1/22	8/31/23 \$			208,524 \$ 208,524	(208,524) \$	φ. 		 	٠	<b>49</b>	
Special Education Cluster (IDEA) Cluster. LDE A. Part B Basic LDE A. Perechod Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA) Cluster	84.027 84.173	84.027A N/A	H027A150100 H173A150114	IDEA - 7500 - 23 IDEA - 7500 - 23	98,549 1,833	9/1/22	8/31/23 8/31/23		•	59,227 59,227	(98,549) (1,833) (100,382)		•		(39,322) (1,833) (41,155)	•	
Other Sacial Revenue Funds: APP - ESSER APP ESSER Evidence Based Summer Learning and Enrichment APP ESSER Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day	84.425 84.425 84.425	COVID-19, 84.425U COVID-19, 84.425U COVID-19, 84.425U	S425D220027 S425D220027 S425D220027	<b>∀ ∀ ∀</b> Ż Ż Ż	401,237 1,246 32,994	9/1/22 9/1/22 9/1/22	8/31/23 8/31/23 8/31/23			401,237 1,246 32,994	(401,237) (1,246) (32,994)						
Total Other Special Revenue Funds										435,477	(435,477)		•				
Total Department of Education							I			703,228	(744,383)				(41,155)		
U.S. Department of Agriculture Fased-frucupit State Department of Agriculture Fased-frucupits Fund. Fased-frucupits Fund. Fased-frucupits Fund. Fased-frucupits Fund. Fased-frucupits Fund. Fased-frucupits Fund. Fased-fruc	10.553	COVID-19	221NJ304N1099	A.V.	54,021	7/1/22	6/30/23	ପ୍ରକୃତ		51,790	(54,021)				(2,231)		
COVID 19: National School Lunch Program COVID 19: National School Lunch Program	10.555	00VID-19	221NJ304N1099	N/A	203,004	7/1/22	6/30/23	(3, 120)		3,120	(203,004)				(7.782)		
COVID 19: National School Lunch Program Fresh Frid and Vegadables Fresh Fruit and Vegadables (OTHER GRANT CARRYOVER)	10.565 10.565 XX.XXX	COVID-19 COVID-19 XX.XXX	211NJ304N1099 226NJ375L1603 226NJ375L1603	V V V V V V V V	22,979	7/1/21	6/30/22 6/30/23 6/30/22 6/30/22	(14,130)		14,130 20,391 1,310	(52,979)				(2,588)		
Total Enterprise Fund							I	(18,566)		285,969	(280,004)				(12,601)		
Sub-Total Federal Financial Awards							\$	(18,566) \$		989,197 \$	(1,024,387) \$			\$	\$ (93,756)	\$	,

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

					Balance at June 30, 2022	30, 2022				ij.	Bala	Salance at June 30, 2023		MEMO	0
	Grant or State Project	Program or Award	Grant Period	Period	Unearned Revenue (Accounts	Due to	Carryover/ (Walkover)	Cash	Budgetary	Adjustments/ Repayment of Prior Year's	(Accounts	Unearned Revenue/ Interfund	Due to	Budgetary	Cumulative Total
State Grantor/Program Title	Number	Amount	From	2	Receivable)	Grantor	Amount	Received	Expenditures	Balance	Receivable)	Payable	Grantor	Receivable	Expenditures
State Department of Education General Fund: State dist. Durblin Chiefer															
Equalization Aid	23-495-034-5120-078	3.987.853	7/1/22	6/30/23				\$ 3.610.531	\$ (3.987.853) \$	٠	\$ (383.419) \$		* 760.9	\$ 377.322	\$ 3.987.853
Equalization Aid	22-495-034-5120-078	3,530,580	7/1/21	6/30/22	(339,478)	69,025		270,453							
Special Education Aid	23-495-034-5120-089	85,177	7/1/22	6/30/23				85,177	(85,177)						85,177
Security Aid	23-495-034-5120-084	202,340	2/1/2	6/30/23				202,340	(202,340)				*		202, 340
Adjustment Aid	22-495-034-5120-085		7/1/21	6/30/22									•		
Total State Aid- Public Cluster					(339,478)	69,025		4,168,501	(4,275,370)		(383,419)		260'9	377,322	4,275,370
On-Behalf Post-Retirement Medical Contributions On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions	23-495-034-5095-001 23-495-034-5095-006	218,912	7/1/22	6/30/23				218,912 833,321	(218,912) (833,321)				••		218,912 833,321
On-Behalf TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance Contributions Reimbursed TPAF - Social Security	23-495-034-5095-004 23-495-034-5095-002	692 203,966	7/1/22	6/30/23				692 193,775	(692)		(10,191)		• •	10,191	692 203,966
Total General Fund					(348,343)	69,025		5,424,066	(5,532,261)		(393,610)		. 260'9	387,513	5,532,261
Special Revenue Fund: Preschool and Charter School Security SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Funds	21E00257 0	- 66,521	7/1/21	9/30/23	(20,500)			20,500 66,521	(66,521)					(20,500)	66,521
Total Special Revenue Fund				į	(20,500)			87,021	(66,521)					(20,500)	66,521
State Department of Agriculture Enterprise Fund: National School Lunch Program (State Share) National School Lunch Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023 22-100-010-3350-023	12,519 5,807	7/1/22	6/30/23	(325)			12,003 325	(12,519)		(516)		. , . , .	516	12,519
Total Enterprise Fund				ļ	(325)			12,328	(12,519)		(516)			516	12,519
Total State Financial Assistance				II	\$ (369,168) \$	69,025 \$		\$ 5,523,415	\$ (5,611,301) \$		\$ (394,126) \$		* 260'9	\$ 367,529	\$ 5,611,301
State Financial Assistance Not to Subject to Major Program Determination: Genetal Fund: On-Behalf Post-Retirement Medical Contributions On-Behalf Total Fersion Contributions	23-495-034-5095-001 23-495-034-5095-006	218,912 833,321	7/1/22	6/30/23				(218,912) (833,321)	218,912 833,321						218,912 833,321
Contributions	23-495-034-5095-004	692	7/1/22	6/30/23				(692)	692						692
Total On-Behalf TPAF Payments				į				(1,052,925)	1,052,925						1,052,925
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Major Program Determination	am Determination			II.	\$ (369,168) \$	69,025 \$		\$ 4,470,490	\$ (4,558,376) \$		\$ (394,126) \$	\$	6,097	\$ 367,529	\$ 6,664,226

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

#### NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

#### NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures Of Awards and Financial Assistance June 30, 2023

#### NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

	Federal	State	Total
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 4,091,394	\$ 4,091,394
Special Revenue Fund	744,382	66,521	810,903
Food Service Fund	280,004	12,519	292,523
Total Awards & Financial Assistance	\$1,024,386	\$ 4,170,434	\$ 5,194,820

#### 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 LOAN OUTSTANDING

Pace Charter School of Hamilton has no loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2023.

#### NOTE 6. OTHER INFORMATION

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

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

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

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures Of Awards and Financial Assistance June 30, 2023

### NOTE 8. SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAM FUNDS

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

#### **NOTE 9. MAJOR PROGRAMS**

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

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

# Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results

<u>Financial Statements</u>		
Type of auditors' report issued on financial statements		<u>Unmodified</u>
Internal control over financial reporting:		
1) Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes	<u>X</u> No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considere be material weaknesses?	ed to Yes	None <u>X</u> Reported
Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?	Yes	X No
Federal Awards Section		
Internal control over financial reporting:		
1) Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes	<u>X</u> No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considere be material weaknesses?	ed to Yes	None X Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major pro	ogram	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported Accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 04-04?	d in Yes	<u>X</u> No
Identification of major federal programs:		
CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Pr	ogram or Cluster
EDUCATION ESTABILIZATION FUND		
84.425U 84.425U 84.425U	ARP ESSER ARP ESSER Summer ARP ESSER Compreh	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:		\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	Yes	X No

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

# Section I – Summary of Auditor's Results

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State Awards Section			
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Ty Type B programs:	pe A and		\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		Yes	<u>X</u> No
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for	or major programs		<u>Unmodified</u>
Internal control over major programs:			
1) Material weakness(es) identified?		Yes	<u>X</u> No
2) Significant deficiencies identified that are n be material weaknesses?	ot considered to	Yes	None X Reported
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to accordance with NJ Circular Letter 15-08 OM	•	Yes	X No
Identification of major state programs:			
GMIS Number(s)	Nam	e of State Progr	am
	STA	ATE AID-PUBLIC	<u>:</u>
23-495-034-5120-078	EQUALIZ	ATION AID	
23-495-034-5120-089	SPECIAL	EDUCATION CA	TEGORICAL AID_
23-495-034-5120-084	SECURIT	Y AID	
23-495-034-5120-085	ADJUSTN	MENT AID	

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

#### Section II -Schedule of Financial Statement Findings

The section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and fraud, non-compliance with provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements related to financial statements for which Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey requires.

No Current Year Findings

# Section III –Schedule of Federal and State Award Findings and Questioned Costs As Prepared By Management

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

#### **CURRENT YEAR FEDERAL AWARDS**

No Current Year Findings

#### **CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS**

No Current Year Findings

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

#### **STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal and state awards that are required to be reported in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, as amended.

#### **Findings**

No Prior Year Findings