ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NEW JERSEY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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January 8, 2024

The Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Achievers Early College Prep Charter School
County of Mercer
Trenton, New Jersey

Dear Board Members:

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, is hereby submitted. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the school. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report are accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and account groups of the school. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the school's financial activities have been included.

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

1) <u>REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES</u> The Achievers Early College Prep Charter School is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Government Auditing Standards Board (GASB) as established by GASB Statement No. 14. All funds and account groups of the Charter School are included in this report. The Charter School's Board of Trustees, constitutes the Charter School's reporting entity.

2) ENROLLMENT OUTLOOK: Achievers Early College Prep Charter School provides a full range of educational services appropriate to Grade 6 through 9th grade. These services include regular instruction with a literacy focus, as well as special education and basic skills.

AECPCS completed the 2022-2023 school year with an average daily enrollment of 341.8 students. The school received an expansion approval from the NJDOE and will be expanding through 12th grade adding a grade level and 90 students each year.

3) MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

<u>Mission Statement:</u> To provide students in grades 6-12 a unique opportunity to take a two-year course of study in STEM fields following the 10th grade, enabling them to redefine the high school experience and graduate with skills, experiences, and content mastery that's significant to them in the market place and the world beyond.

<u>Vision Statement:</u> Achievers Early College Prep Charter School is a literacy-focused middle school that's an intervention zone, at its core. Students will read leveled books, and independent picks on their own time, and will be practicing all-school reading, annotating and notetaking strategies in across content areas. Our ELA curriculum is novel-based and we believe we've got rich, well-written and culturally relevant stories to teach reading, thinking, and writing with. We believe in the right intersection of direct teaching and project-based learning, but we believe that we have to help our students build proficiency in skills before we can let the content do the driving. We believe in the strategies exposed in Teach Like and Champion and will be holding a number of them sacrosanct in order to make sure our school is a bastion for learning, academic minutes are preserved, and expectations are high and clear for all.

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

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

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

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

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

- 6) ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND REPORTS: The Charter Schools' accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles, as promulgated by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting system of the school is organized on the basis of funds and account groups. These funds and account groups are explained in "Notes to the Financial Statements," Note 1.
- 7) FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT FISCAL YEAR—END: As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of report, the school continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. The following schedule presents a summary of the General, Special Revenue and Proprietary funds for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2023.

Revenue	Amount	Percent of Total
State / Local Share	\$5,406,908	70%
State Sources	763,662	10%
Federal Aid	1,338,204	17%
Misc.	12,889	0%
Proprietary Fund	<u>192,954</u>	_3%
Total	\$7,714,617	<u>100%</u>

The following schedule presents a summary of the General, Special Revenue and Proprietary fund expenditures for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2023.

Expenditures	Amount	Percent of Total
Current - General Fund	\$5,249,246	77%
Special Revenue	1,338,204	20%
Proprietary Fund	216,609	<u>3%</u>
Total	\$6,804,05 <u>9</u>	<u>100%</u>

- 8) <u>CASH MANAGEMENT:</u> The investment policy of the school is guided in large by the state Statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statements," Note 2. The school had adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from a loss of funds on deposit with failed banking institutions in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.
- 9) <u>RISK MANAGEMENT:</u> The school carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, automobile liability and comprehensive/collision, and hazard and theft insurance on property and Contents.

10) OTHER INFORMATION:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

K. Edgar

Kristina Edgar

School Business Administrator

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL

ROSTER OF TRUSTEES JUNE 30, 2023

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Imebet Stewart, President	3/2026
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Mayokun Oshinm	3/2026
Alescia Dingle	2/2026
Elizabeth Murphy	8/2023
Meredith Pennotti	4/2026
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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Chairman and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Achievers Early College Prep Charter School
County of Mercer
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. My responsibilities under those standards and Specifications are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material 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 the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my 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 generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Specifications will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and Audit Requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance Department of Education, State of New Jersey:

- 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 the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's internal control.
 Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, respectively, are presented for additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates 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 GAAS. In my opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2023. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and my auditors' report thereon. My opinions

on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and I do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with my audit of the basic financial statements, my 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, I conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, I am required to describe it in my report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated January 8, 2024, on my consideration of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400

Gerald D. Longo

Certified Public Accountant

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January 8, 2024

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of Achievers Early College Prep Charter School annual financial report presents its discussion and analysis of the Board's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Board's financial statements, which immediately follows this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

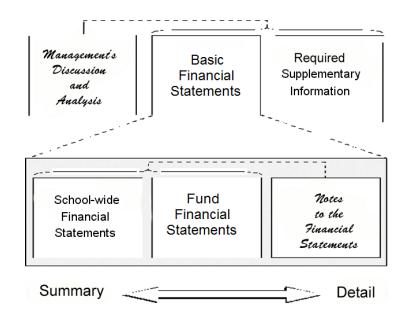
Key financial highlights for the 2022-2023 fiscal year include the following:

- Total Net Position School Wide is \$1,050,341.
- The Unassigned Fund balances School Wide at June 30, 2023 is \$1,592,849.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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



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

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

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

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

School-wide Statements

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

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

In the school-wide financial statements, the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School activities are shown in two categories:

- Governmental activities- Most of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation, administration, food services, and community education. Property taxes and state aid finance most of these activities.
- Business-type activities- The Achievers Early College Prep Charter School Food Service Fund and the after school program are included here.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School funds – focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School as a whole.

Funds are accounting devices the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

Some funds are required by State law.

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

The Achievers Early College Prep Charter School has two kinds of funds:

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

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL AS A WHOLE

Net position. The Achievers Early College Prep Charter School Net Position School Wide is \$1,050,341 as of June 30, 2023. (See Table A-1).

Governmental Funds	\$1,007,482
Proprietary Fund	42,860
Total	\$1,050,341

The Statement of Net Position of \$1,050,341 reflects total capital assets of \$104,298 at June 30, 2023 net of assumed depreciation from inception.

The Achievers Early College Prep Charter School financial position is the product of these factors:

- Special Revenue Fund Revenues were \$1,338,204
- Special Revenue Fund Revenues Expenditures were \$1,338,204
- General Fund Revenues were \$6,183,459
- General Fund Expenditures were \$5,249,246

Table A-1 ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Net Position - School Wide As of June 30, 2023

	<u>Total</u>
Current and Other Assets Deferred Pension Outflows	\$1,684,528 1,672,166
Right to Use Assets, Net	4,807,179
Investment in Capital Assets, Net	104,298
Total Assets and Deferred Pension Outflows	\$8,268,171
Current and Other Liabilities	91,680
Net Pension Liability - noncurrent	1,740,911
Deferred Pension Inflows	271,764
Lease Liabilities	5,113,475
Total Liabilities and Deferred Pension InFlows	7,217,830
Net Position:	
Invested In Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	104,298
Unrestricted	946,043
Total Net Position Total Liability, Deferred Pension Inflows and Net Position	1,050,341 \$8,268,171
Fund Balance - June 30, 2023	\$1,592,848
Amortization expense over principal payments on leases	(\$306,296)
Invested In Capital Assets, Net	104,298
Net Position before Pension Adjustment - June 30, 2023	1,390,850
Pension Adjustment (Decrease)	(340,509)
Net Position - June 30, 2023	\$1,050,341

Table A-2 ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Net Position - School Wide For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Revenues	Total	%
Program revenues		
Charges for services		
Operating grants and contributions		
General revenues		
Local Share	\$ -	
Federal and State Aid-Unrestricted	6,229,575	73%
Federal Aid-Restricted	1,279,199	21%
Other	12,889	1%
Proprietary Fund	192,954	5%
Total revenues	\$ 7,714,617	100%
Expenses		
Regular Instruction	\$ 2,690,520	53%
General Administrative	2,411,369	33%
School Administrative	1,139,447	9%
On-behalf TPAF Social Security / Pension / Medical	346,114	2%
Capital Outlay	0	0%
Proprietary Fund	216,609	3%
Total expenses	\$ 6,804,059	100%
Increase in Net Position	\$ 910,558	
Net Position - Beginning of Year - July 1, 2022	427,247	
Amortization expense over principal payments on leases	(77,797)	
Increase in Capital Assets - Net	104,298	
Net Position Before Pension Adjustments	\$1,364,306	
Pension Adjustments (Deficit)	(313,965)	
Net Position - End of Year June 30, 2023	\$ 1,050,341	

Table A-3 (See Exhibit A-2) ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Total Cost and Net Cost of Services - School Wide For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Functions/Programs	Source	T	otal Cost of Services	ľ	let Cost of Services
School Wide Activities Instruction Regular	B-2	Ś	2,690,520	¢	1.541.772
Support Services	52	Y	2,030,320	Y	1,371,772
General Administrative Services	B-2		2,411,369		2,221,913
School Administrative Services	B-2		1,139,447		1,139,447
On-behalf TPAF Social Security	B-2		346,114		346,114
Capital Outlay	B-2		-		-
Proprietary Fund	G-2		216,609		216,609
Total School Wide Activities		\$	6,804,059	\$	5,465,855

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDS

The financial performance of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School as a whole is reflected in its governmental total activities Exhibit A-2. As the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School completed the year, it reported a combined fund balance of \$1,592,849

Revenues for the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School General, Special Revenue and Proprietary Funds were \$7,714,617 while total expenses were \$6,804,059.

GENERAL FUND

The General Fund includes the primary operations of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School in providing educational services to students in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The following schedule presents a summary of School Wide Revenues:

Table A-4 (See Exhibit B-2) ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Revenues - School Wide For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

Revenues - School Wide	Year Ended 06/30/2023	Year Ended 06/30/2022	Amount of Increase (Decrease)
Local Sources:			
Local Share		\$ -	\$0
Other Local Revenue	12,889	48,037	(35,148)
Total Local Sources	\$ 12,889	\$ 48,037	(\$35,148)
Intergovernmental			
State Sources	6,229,575	5,197,296	\$ 1,032,279
Federal Sources	1,279,199	1,521,089	(241,890)
Propietary Fund	192,954	317,919	(124,965)
Total Intergovernmental Sources	\$ 7,701,728	\$ 7,036,304	\$790,389
Total Revenue - School Wide	\$ 7,714,617	\$ 7,084,341	\$755,241

The following schedule presents a summary of School Wide Expenditures:

Table A-5 (See Exhibit B-2) ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Expenditures - School Wide For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

Expenditures - School Wide	/ear Ended 6/30/2023	Year Ended 06/30/2022	Amount of Increase (Decrease)
Current:			
Regular Instruction	\$ 2,690,520	\$ 4,106,523	\$ (1,416,003)
General Administrative Services	2,411,369	2,499,080	(87,711)
School Administration	1,139,447	715,042	424,405
On-behalf TPAF Social Security / Pension / Medical	346,114	282,448	63,666
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Proprietary Fund	216,609	265,749	(49,140)
Total Expenditures - School Wide	\$ 6,804,059	\$ 7,868,842	\$ (1,015,643)

UNRESERVED-UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE AS A PERCENTAGE OF EXPENDITURES

The following table shows the school-wide unassigned fund balance.

Table A-6 ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Changes in Unassigned Fund Balances - School Wide For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Unassigned					
Fund Balance	1,592,849	682,290	1,466,791	214,914	26,169
Expenditures	6,804,059	7,868,842	2,989,169	2,401,549	1,373,645
Percentage	23%	9%	49%	9%	2%

The Achievers Early College Prep Charter School values its fund balances as a vehicle for addressing unbudgeted and emergent needs that occur during school year. The amount of fund balance designated to support the subsequent years budget is \$1,592,849 for the 2023-24 school year.

CAPITAL ASSETS

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Capital and Right-to-Use Assets - School Wide For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Right to-use- lease assets -Premises5,176,962Furniture and Equipment107,690Total Capital and Right-to-Use Assets5,284,652Less: Accumulated Amortization / Depreciation(373,175)

\$4,911,477

Capital and Right-to-Use Assets, net

FACTORS BEARING ON THE SCHOOL'S FUTURE

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

These and many other factors were considered by the Charter School's administration during the process of developing the fiscal year 2023-24 budget. The primary factors were the Charter School's projected student population, anticipated state and federal aid as well as increasing salary and related benefit costs. These indicators were considered when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

CONTACTING THE ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School finances and to demonstrate the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office, Achievers Early College Prep Charter School, 544 Chestnut Ave, Trenton, New Jersey 08611

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS The basis financial statements provide a financial everying of the Ashievers Early College.
The basic financial statements provide a financial overview of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School operations. These financial statements present the financial position and operating results of all funds as of June 30, 2023.



ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Net Position As of June 30, 2023

		vernmental Activities	ness-type ctivities	Total		
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables Security Deposit - Rental Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	\$	904,108 706,561 31,000 104,298	\$ 11,682 31,177 -	\$	915,790 737,738 31,000 104,298	
Right-to-use lease assets-net Total Assets Deferred outflows of resources		4,807,179 6,553,146	42,859		4,807,179 6,596,005	
Pension deferred outflows Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$	1,672,166 8,225,312	\$ 42,859	\$	1,672,166 8,268,171	
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable Payroll Liabilities Net pension liability Lease liabilities	\$	9,978 81,702 1,740,911 5,113,475	\$ -	\$	9,978 81,702 1,740,911 5,113,475	
Total Liabilities		6,946,066	-		6,946,066	
Deferred inflows of resources Pension deferred inflows		271,764			271,764	
NET POSITION Investment in Fixed Assets - Net Unrestricted Total net position		104,298 903,184 1,007,482	42,859 42,859		104,298 946,043 1,050,341	
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position	\$	8,225,312	\$ 42,859	\$	8,268,171	
Fund Balance June 30, 2023 - B-1 - Governmental Right-to-use lease assets-net of accumulated depreciation Principal balance of lease liabilities Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation Net position before pension adjustments Pension adjustments (Deficit) Total net position - June 30, 2023 - Governmental		\$1,549,989 4,807,179 (5,113,475) 104,298 1,347,991 (340,509) \$1,007,482				

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

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	_	Program Revenues Changes in Net Po				anges in Net Posit	tion
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ (2,690,520)		\$ (1,148,748)		\$ (1,541,772)		\$ (1,541,772)
Support services:	0						
General administatrion	(2,411,369)		(189,456)		(2,221,913)		\$ (2,221,913)
School administrative services/ operations plant					(1,139,447)		(1,139,447)
On - behalf TPAF Social Security	(346,114)				(346,114)		(346,114)
Capital Outlay	-						-
Total governmental activities	(6,587,450)		(1,338,204)		(5,249,246)		(5,249,246)
Business-type activities:							
Food Service	(216,609)	(216,609)				(216,609)	(216,609)
Total business-type activities	(216,609)	(216,609)	6 (4 330 304)		C (F 240 24C)	(216,609)	(216,609)
Total primary government	(6,804,059)	\$ (216,609)	\$ (1,338,204)		\$ (5,249,246)	\$ (216,609)	\$ (5,465,855)
	General revenues:						
	State / Local Shar	re			5,406,908	-	5,406,908
	State and Federa				763,662	192,954	956,616
	Miscellaneous In	icome			12,889	,	12,889
	Increase in net Ca	apital Outlay			104,298		104,298
	Total general rever	nues, special ite	ems,		6,287,757	192,954	6,480,711
	Change in Net	t Position - Incre	ease (Decrease)		1,038,511	(23,655)	1,014,856
	Amortization expe	nse over princi	oal payments on le	eases	(77,797)		(77,797)
	(Decrease) in Pensi	ion			(313,965)		(313,965)
	Net Position -Begin	nning of Year - J	uly 1, 2022		360,733	66,514	427,247
	Net Position - End	of Year - June 3	0, 2023		\$ 1,007,482	\$ 42,859	\$ 1,050,341

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ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds As of June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 904,108	\$ -	\$ 904,108
Receivables	622,202	84,359	706,561
Interfund	84,359	(84,359)	0
Security Deposit - Rental	31,000	-	31,000
Total assets	\$ 1,641,669	\$ -	\$ 1,641,669
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			<u> </u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 9,978	\$ -	\$ 9,978
Payroll Liabilities	81,702	T	81,702
Total liabilities	91,680		91,680
Fund Balances:			
Unassigned	1,549,989	-	1,549,989
Total Fund balances	1,549,989		1,549,989
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 1,641,669	\$ -	\$ 1,641,669
Amounts reported for <i>governmental act</i> (A-1) are different because:		t of net position	Ć 1 E40 000
Governmental Fund Balance June 30, 20	23		\$ 1,549,989
Capital assets used in governmental acti therefore are not reported in the funds. accumulated depreciation			104,298
Net position of governmental activities by	\$ 1,654,287		
Deferred Outflows related to pension co Liability measurement date and other de resources and therefore, are not reported Deferred Inflows related to pension actu	1,672,166		
in actual returns and assumed returns and liabilities in the fund statements.	nd other deferred item	s are not reported as	(271,764)
Long-term liabilities, including net pension current period and therefore are not rep	(1,740,911)		
Right -to-use assets used in government therefore are not reported in the funds. less the accumulated amortization (\$36	4,807,179		
Lease liabilities used in governmental ac are not reported in the funds	tivities are not financia	l resourced and therefore	(\$5,113,475)
Total Net Position - Governmental June	30 2023		\$ 1,007,482
The accompanying Notes to the Basic Fi	•	o an integral part of this do	

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ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, And Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES				
Local sources:				
State / Local Share	\$ 5,406,908	\$	\$ 5,406,908	
Miscellaneous	12,889		12,889	
Total - Local Sources	5,419,797	-	5,419,797	
State Sources	763,662	59,005	822,667	
Federal Sources		1,279,199	1,279,199	
Total Revenues	6,183,459	1,338,204	\$7,521,663	
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Regular instruction	\$ 1,541,772	\$ 1,148,748	\$ 2,690,520	
Support services- General Administrative	2,221,913	189,456	2,411,369	
Support Services- School Admin/ operations plant serv	1,139,447		1,139,447	
On-behalf TPAF Social Security, Pen and Med	346,114		346,114	
Capital outlay	-		-	
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,249,246	\$1,338,204	\$ 6,587,450	
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues				
over expenditures	934,213		934,213	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-		-	
Transfers out	-		-	
Total other financing sources and uses				
Net change in fund balances - Increase	934,213		934,213	
Fund balance - Beginning of Year - July 1, 2022	615,776		615,776	
Fund balance - End of Year - June 30, 2023	\$ 1,549,989		\$ 1,549,989	

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ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General
	 Fund
Total net change in fund balances increase - governmental funds (from B-2)	\$ 934,213
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement	
of activities (A-2) are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.	
However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is	
allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is	
the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.	
Depreciation expense \$ (3,392)	
Capital outlays 107,690	
Net Capital Outlays	\$ 104,298
Amortization expense over principal payments on leases	(77,797)
Pension contributions are reported in governmental funds as expenditures; however, in the statement of	
activities, the contributions are adjusted for actuarial valuation adjustments, including service and	
interest costs, administrative costs, investment returns, and experience/assumption. This is the amount	
by which net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows related to pension changed during the period.	(313,965)
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Change in net position of governmental activities (A-2) - Increase	\$ 646,749

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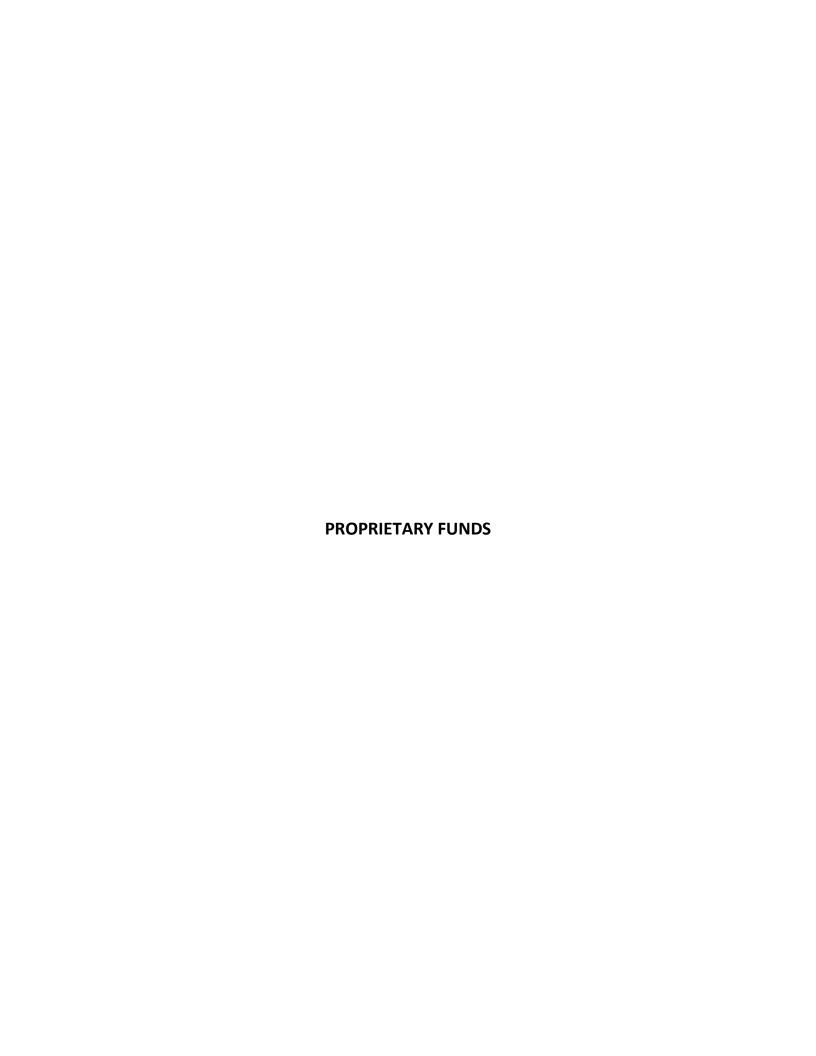


Exhibit B-4

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Net Position Proprietary Funds As of June 30, 2023

	Proprietary Funds Business-type Activities	
	Enterp	rise funds
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$11,682
Receivables		30,054
Other receivables		1,123
Total current assets		42,859
Total assets	\$	42,859
LIABILITIES		
Total current liabilities		_
Total liabilities		-
NET POSITION		
Unrestricted		42,859
Total net position	\$	42,859

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

Exhibit B-5

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Proprietary Fund Business-Type Activities Enterprise
OPERATING REVENUES	
Miscellaneous Income	0
Total Operating Revenues	0
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Supplies, Materials & Other	(\$216,609)
Total Operating Expenses	(216,609)
Income (Loss) From Operations	(216,609)
Nonoperating Revenues	
State Sources	
State Sources	9,044
Federal Sources	
National Snack	108
School Breakfast Program	69,159
National School Lunch Program	114,643
Total Nonoperating Revenues	192,954
Change in Net Position (Decrease)	(23,655)
Total Net Position - July 1, 2022	66,514
Total Net Position - June 30, 2023	\$ 42,859

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

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Proprietary Funds Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(24.5.500)
Payments to suppliers	(216,609)
Net cash (used for) operating activities	(216,609)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
State and Federal Sources	223,478
Net cash (used for) non-capital financing activities	223,478
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Net cash (used for) investing activities	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	6,869
Cash and Cash Equivalents - beginning of year	4,813
Cash and Cash Equivalents - end of year	\$ 11,682
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (23,655)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net	30,524
Total adjustments	30,524
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 6,869

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

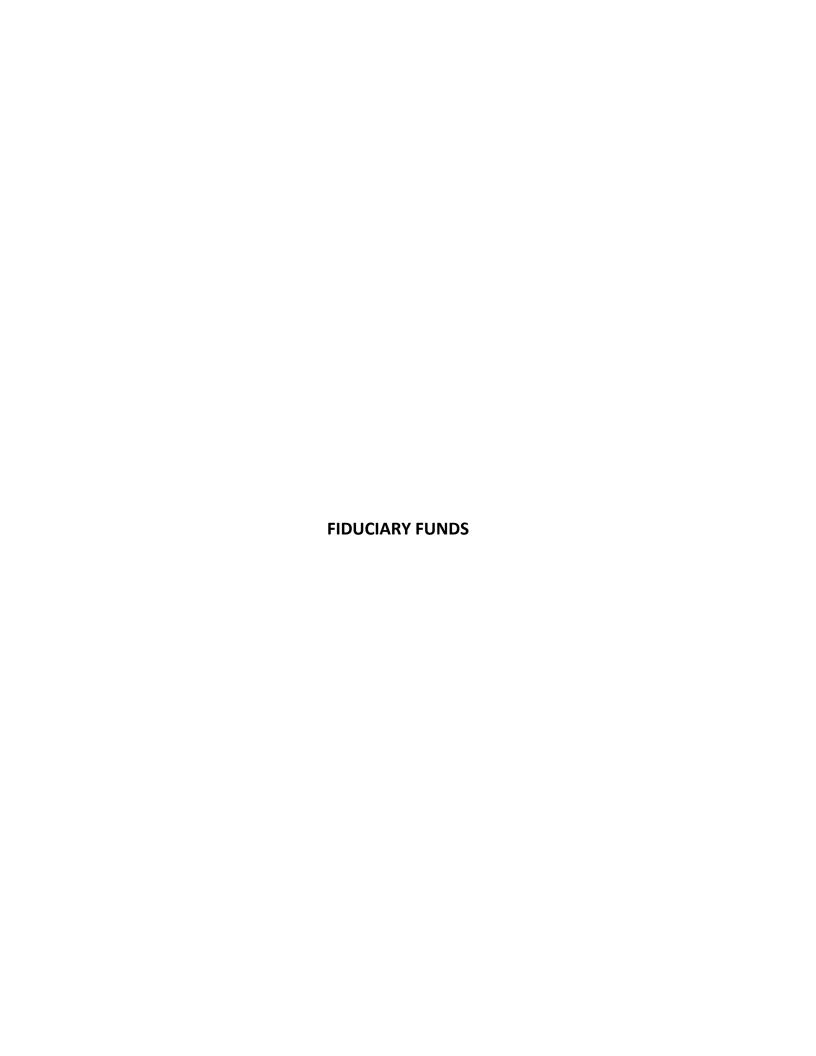


EXHIBIT B-7

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds As of June 30, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

Exhibit B-8

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE



1. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY</u>

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

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

A. Basis of Presentation

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

Government-Wide Statements

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

Fund Financial Statements

During the fiscal year, the Charter School segregates transactions related to certain Charter School functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance.

Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Charter School at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

B. Fund Accounting

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

Governmental Funds

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

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

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

<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 of the Enterprise Funds) and local appropriations that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Proprietary Funds

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

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

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities, whether current or noncurrent, associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net position) is segregated into invested in capital assets net of related debt and unrestricted net position, if

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

Measurement Focus

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

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

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

Basis of Accounting

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

D. <u>Budgets/Budgetary Control</u>

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

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

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Budgets/Budgetary Control

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

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F. Encumbrances

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

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund, for which the Charter School has received advances, are reflected in the balance sheet as deferred revenues at fiscal year end. There were \$0 of encumbrances at June 30, 2023. 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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

G. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

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

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

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

H. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

I. Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables

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

J. Capital Assets

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

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

Capital Assets are reflected such as Furniture and Equipment at June 30, 2023.

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

<u>Description of Capital Cost</u> <u>Estimated Lives (Years)</u>

Right-of-Use Assets *
Furniture and Equipment 7 Years
*Shorter of Useful Life or Lease Term (14 years)

K. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

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

2. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)</u>

L. Net Position/Fund Balance

School-Wide Statements

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

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

Fund Balance and Equity

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

M. Unearned/Deferred Revenue

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

N. Fund Equity

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

O. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

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

P. On-Behalf Payments

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

Q. Deferred Outflows/Inflows

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

R. Compensated Absences

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

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

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

S. <u>Fair Value of Financial Instruments</u>

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

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

- **Level 1** Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date.
- **Level 2** Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- **Level 3** Inputs that are unobservable and which require significant judgment or estimation.

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

T. Adoption of New Accounting Standards

GASB 87: Leases

During fiscal year 2022, the Charter School adopted GASB Statement No. 87, Leases (GASB 87), which requires the Charter School to recognize intangible right-to-use lease assets and lease liabilities for its lessee agreements.

The Charter School accounts for any lease with a term greater than one year in accordance with GASB 87. The lease terms are defined as the noncancellable period of any lease, plus any options to extend under such leases, when management is reasonably certain those options will be exercised. Accordingly, the net present value of the estimated future minimum payments are reflected as a right-to-use lease asset and lease liability. The right-to- use lease assets will be recognized on a straight-line basis over the lesser of the life of the asset or the remaining lease period. The right-to-use lease assets related to the facility leases are being amortized over the term of each respective lease as follows:

School Premises 14 years

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

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

understand the scale and important aspects of a government's SBITA activities and evaluate a government's obligations and assets resulting from SBITAs.

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

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

- GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections an amendment of GASE Statement No. 62, will be effective beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.
- GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, will be effective beginning with the fiscal
 year ending June 30, 2025. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information
 needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance
 for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and
 measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required
 disclosures.

3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Charter School's deposits might not be recovered. Although the Charter School does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Under the Act, the first \$250,000 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the Charter School in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled agency funds such as salary withholdings, and student activity funds, or funds that may pass to the Charter School relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are classified as uninsured and uncollateralized. As of June 30, 2023, the Charter School's bank balance was insured by the FDIC for \$250,000 and the remaining balance was subject to the terms of GUDPA.

The Board is permitted to invest public funds in accordance with the types of securities authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37. Examples of the allowable investments are bonds or other obligations of the

3. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America, Government Money Market Mutual Funds, bonds or other obligations of the Charter School or bonds or other obligations of the local unit or units within which the Charter School is located, Local Government investment pools, and agreements or the repurchase of fully collateralized securities, if transacted in accordance with the above statute.

As of June 30, 2023, the Charter School had no investments.

4. PENSION PLANS

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

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

The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer plan with a special funding situation, as under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on behalf of the School and the systems other related non-contributing employers. Membership is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, and employees of the Department of Education who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified.

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

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

4. PENSION PLANS (continued)

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

<u>Vesting and Benefit Provisions</u> - The vesting and benefit provisions for PERS are set by N.J.S.A 43:15a and 43:03B and N.J.S.A. 18A: for TPAF. All benefits vest after eight to ten years of service, except for medical benefits that vest after 25 years of service. Retirements benefits for age and service are available at age 55 and are generally determine to be 1/55 of the final average salary for each year of service credit as defined.

Final average salary equals the average salary for the final three years of service prior to retirement (or highest three years' compensation if other than the final three years). Members may seek early retirement after achieving 25 years of service credit or they may elect deferred retirement after achieving eight to ten years of service in which case benefits would begin the first day of the month after the member attains normal retirement age.

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. PENSION PLANS (continued)

COLA Suspension

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

Contribution Requirements

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

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

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

Annual Pension Costs (APC)

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

The School's contribution to PERS for the year ended June 30, 2023 was \$145,472.

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:66-66 the School recorded as revenue for the year ended June 30, 2023 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries in the amount of \$71,929. Also, the State paid \$274,185 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the TPAF Pension System Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions for the School. These amounts have been included in the school wide financial statements and the fund financial statements as a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 24.

5. PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

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

The employer contributions for the Charter School are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:66-33. Therefore, the Charter School (employer) is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity. Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the Charter School. However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School was \$1,909,259 as measured on June 30, 2022 and \$-0- as measured on June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$51,383 and revenue of \$51,383 for support provided by the State. The measurement period for the pension expense and revenue reported in the Charter School's financial statements (A-2) at June 30, 2023 is based upon changes in the collective net pension liability with a measurement period of June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Accordingly, the pension expense and the related revenue associated with the support provided by the State are based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Although the Charter School does not report net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows related to the TPAF, the following schedule illustrates the collective net pension liability and deferred items and the State's portion of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School.

The collective amounts are the total of all New Jersey local governments participating in the TPAF plan.

5. PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$4,996,491,160	\$6,356,228,800
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$19,532,696,776	\$27,175,330,929
Collective net pension liability (Non-employer - State of		
New Jersey)	\$51,594,415,806	\$48,165,991,182
State's portion of the net pension liability that was		
associated with the Charter School	\$1,909,259	\$-0-
State's portion of the net pension liability that was		
associated with the Charter School as a percentage of		
the collective net pension liability	.037005%	-0-

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 (Price): 2.75% Inflation (Wage): 3.25%

Salary Increases: 2.75 - 5.65% based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return: 7%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

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

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits. The long term expected of return was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future

5. PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

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

		Long Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
US equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real assets	3.00%	7.60%
High yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment grade credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	4.91%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

	At Current	
At 1% Decrease	Discount Rate	At 1%
(6.00%)	(7.00%)	Increase (8.00%)
\$60,591,896,759	\$51,676,587,003	\$44,166,559,329

5. PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

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

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

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported a liability of \$1,740,911 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2022.

The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2022. At June 30, 2022, the Charter School's proportion was .011535%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$352,768. At June 30, 2023, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

5. PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

	Deferred Outflows of	Deferred Inflows of
	Resources	Resources
Differences between expected and actual		
experience	\$ 11,081	\$8,639
Changes of assumptions	260,683	260,561
Net difference between projected and actual		
earnings on pension plan investments	1,254,930	
Changes in proportion and differences between		
Charter School contributions and proportionate		
share of contributions	-0-	2,564
Charter School contributions subsequent to the		
measurement date.	145,472	-0-
Total	\$1,672,166	\$271,764

The Charter School reported \$145,472 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ended June 30, 2023, the plan measurement date was June 30, 2022) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2023.

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

	Year Ended	
	June 30:	
2023	(\$149,336)	
2024	(\$76,081)	
2025	(\$37,103)	
2026	\$80,946	
2027	(\$178)	
Total:	(\$181,752)	

5. PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$1,660,772,008	\$1,164,738,169
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$3,236,303,935	\$8,339,123,762
Collective net pension liability (Non-State-Local	\$15,219,184,920	\$11,972,782,878
Group)		
Charter School's proportion of net pension liability	\$1,740,911	\$1,079,027
Charter School's proportion percentage	.011535%	.009108%

Actuarial Assumptions

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

Inflation rate:

Price 2.75% Wage 3.25%

Salary Increases:

Through 2026 2.75% - 6.55% - based on years of service

Investment Rate of Return: 7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

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

The following presents the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2022, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower or one-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

5. PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)

	2022 Current		
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the	¢1 000 607	¢1 740 011	Ć1 402 12E
net pension liability	\$1,989,687	\$1,740,911	\$1,492,135

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2022) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the Board of Trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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

		Long Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
US equity	27.00%	8.12%
Non-U.S. developed markets equity	13.50%	8.38%
Emerging markets equity	5.50%	10.33%
Private equity	13.00%	11.80%
Real estate	8.00%	11.19%
Real assets	3.00%	7.60%
High yield	4.00%	4.95%
Private credit	8.00%	8.10%
Investment grade credit	7.00%	3.38%
Cash equivalents	4.00%	1.75%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	1.75%
Risk mitigation strategies	3.00%	4.91%

5. <u>PENSION PLANS – GASB 68 DISCLOSURES (continued)</u> Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers 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.

6. POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

State Health Benefit State Retired Employees Plan:

Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) Obligations in Fiscal Year 2022 the State funded the various defined benefit pension systems at 108 percent of the full actuarially determined contributions. Employer contributions to the pension plans are calculated per the requirements of the governing State statutes using generally accepted actuarial procedures and practices. The actuarial funding method used to determine the State's contribution is a matter of State law. Any change to the funding method requires the approval of the State Legislature and the Governor. The amount the State actually contributes to the pension plans may differ from the actuarially determined contributions of the pension plans because the State's contribution to the pension plans is subject to the appropriation of the State Legislature and actions by the Governor. GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. Under the new statement, the calculation of the pension liability was changed to a more conservative methodology and each employer was allocated a proportional share of the pension plans' net pension liability. The State's share of the net pension liability, based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021, which is required to be recorded on the financial statements, is \$75.1 billion. The Fiscal Year 2023 projected aggregate State contribution to the pension plans of \$6.8 billion represents 104 percent of the actuarially determined contribution. The State provides postretirement medical (PRM) benefits for certain State and other retired employees meeting the service credit eligibility requirements. In Fiscal Year 2022, the State paid PRM benefits for 161,238 State and local retirees. The State funds post-retirement medical benefits on a "pay-as-you-go" basis, which means that the State does not pre-fund, or otherwise establish a reserve or other pool of assets against the PRM expenses that the State may incur in future years. For Fiscal Year 2022, the State contributed \$1.9 billion to pay for "pay-as-you-go" PRM benefit costs incurred by covered populations, a slight increase from \$1.8 billion in Fiscal Year 2021. The State has appropriated \$2.1

6. POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

billion in Fiscal Year 2023 as the State's contribution to fund increases in prescription drugs and medical claims costs. In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, the State is required to quantify and disclose its obligations to pay Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) to retired plan members. This new standard supersedes the previously issued guidance, GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, effective for Fiscal Year 2018. The 7 State is now required to accrue a liability in all instances where statutory language names the State as the legal obligor for benefit payments. The Fiscal Year 2022 State OPEB liability to provide these benefits is \$88.9 billion, a decrease of \$12.7 billion, or 12.5 percent from the \$101.6 billion liability recorded in Fiscal Year 2021. Additional information on Pensions and OPEB can be accessed on the Division of Pensions & Benefits Financial Reports webpage: https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml.

Total OPEB Liability

The State, a nonemployer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS and TPAF participants. The LEA's proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the LEA did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position. Accordingly, the following OPEB liability note information is reported at the State's level and is not specific to the board of trustees.

The total nonemployer OPEB liability does not include certain other postemployment benefit obligations that are provided by the local education employers. The reporting of these benefits are the responsibility of the individual local education employers.

Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability

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

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 -2021. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP -2021. Disability mortality was based on the Pub-2010 "General" classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP -2021 for current disables retirees.

6. POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

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

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

	TPAF	PERS
Salary increases:	2.75% to 4.25% based on years	2.75% to 6.55% based on years
	of service	of service

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

Health Care Trend Assumptions

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

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.54%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20 -Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

6. POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability reported by the State of New Jersey:

	Total OPEB Liability
The State's Total OPEB Liability Balance at June 30, 2021	\$60,007,650,970
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	2,770,618,025
Interest on the Total OPEB Liability	1,342,187,139
Changes in Benefit Terms	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	1,399,476,059
Changes of Assumptions	(13,586,368,097)
Gross Benefit Payments by the state	(1,329,476,059)
Contributions from Members	42,374,929
Net Changes	(9,361,188,004)
The State's Total OPEB Liability Balance at June 30, 2022	\$50,646,462,966
The State's Total OPEB Liability attributable to the Charter School	\$811,706

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflects a change in the discount rate from 2.16 percent in 2021 to 3.54 percent in 2022 and other changes.

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the State for school board retirees, as well as what the State's total OPEB liability for school board would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1- percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

	June 30, 2021		
	At 1% Decrease	At Discount Rate	At 1% Increase
	1.16%	2.16%	3.16%
Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees)	\$71,879,745,555	\$60,007,650,970	\$50,659,089,138
	June 30, 2022		
	At 1% Decrease	At Discount Rate	At 1% Increase
	2.54%	3.54%	4.54%
Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees)	\$59,529,589,697	\$50,646,462,966	\$43,527,080,995

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the State, as well as what the State's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

6. POST RETIREMENT MEDICAL BENEFITS (continued)

	June 30, 2021		
		Health Care Cost	
	At 1% Decrease	Trend Rate	At 1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees)	\$48,576,388,471	\$60,007,650,970	\$75,358,991,782
	June 30, 2022		
		Health Care Cost	
	At 1% Decrease	Trend Rate	At 1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability (School Retirees)	\$41,862,397,291	\$50,646,462,966	\$62,184,866,635

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Charter School recognized OPEB expense and related revenue of \$271,218 determined by the State as the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through a defined benefit OPEB plan that is not administered through a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASBS No. 75 and in which there is a special funding situation.

In accordance with GASBS No. 75, the Charter School's proportionate share of school retirees OPEB is zero, and there is no recognition of the allocation of proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. At June 30, 2022, the State reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to retired school employee's OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$9,042,402,619	\$15,462,950,679
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	8,765,620,577	17,237,289,230
Total	\$17,808,023,196	\$32,700,239,909

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

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

7. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

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

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

If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Charter School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2023, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Charter School believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the Charter School.

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

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

New Jersey Unemployment Compensation - The Charter School has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation under the "Contributory Method". Under this plan, the Charter School is required to remit employee withholdings to the State on a quarterly basis. All of the Charter School's claims are paid by the State.

9. RECEIVABLES

Receivables as of June 30, 2023 consisted of accounts, intergovernmental, grants and miscellaneous. All receivables are considered collectible in full.

9. RECEIVABLES (continued)

A summary of the principal items of intergovernmental and proprietary fund receivables are as follows:

		Special	Proprietary	
	General	Revenue	Fund	Total
Receivables:				
Accounts	<u>\$622,202</u>	<u>\$84,359</u>	<u>\$31,178</u>	<u>\$737,739</u>
Gross Receivables	<u>\$622,202</u>	<u>\$84,359</u>	<u>\$31,178</u>	<u>\$737,739</u>

10. CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

The following schedule is a summarization of the governmental activities capital and right-to-use assets as of June 30, 2023.

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Capital and Right-to-Use Assets - School Wide For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Right to-use- lease assets -

Premises	5,176,962
Furniture and Equipment	107,690
Total Capital and Right-to-Use Assets	5,284,652
Less: Accumulated Amortization / Depreciation	(373,175)
Capital and Right-to-Use Assets, net	\$4,911,477

11. RENTAL COMMITMENTS

The Charter School leases its premises under the terms of non-cancelable leases through the Charter School's current charter. Certain leases are automatically extended upon the charter renewal and can be extended through various dates through June 30, 2030. Interest expense on the leases was \$362,387 for the year ended June 30, 2023, which is reflected as lease interest expense in the accompanying budgetary comparison schedule – general fund (exhibit C-1). The net value of the right-to-use lease assets and lease liabilities was (\$306,296) as of June 30, 2023, which was calculated using a discount rate of 7% (the School's estimated incremental borrowing rate as of July 1, 2022). Amortization of the related right-to-use lease assets was \$369,783 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

11. RENTAL COMMITMENTS (continued)

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

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Long Term Lease Schedule June 30, 2023

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Amortization
2023 - 2030	\$5,176,962	\$2,990,108	\$4,807,179

12. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The governmental fund balance sheet includes reconciliation between fund balance - total governmental funds and net position - governmental activities as reported in the Government-wide statement of net position.

One element of that reconciliation explains that long-term liabilities, including deferred pension liability are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. The reconciliation is as follows:

Fund balance (per A-2) as of June 30, 2023	\$1,549,989
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	104,298
Right-to-Use Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$5,176,962 less the accumulated amortization (\$369,783)	4,807,179
Lease liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial resourced and therefore are not reported in the funds	(5,113,475)
Pension deferred outflows	1,672,166
Pension deferred inflows	(271,764)
Deferred pension liability as of June 30, 2023	(1,740,911)
Net position (per A-1) as of June 30, 2023 - Governmental	\$1,007,482

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Charter School has evaluated subsequent events occurring after the financial statement date through January 8, 2024 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, the Charter School has determined that no subsequent events needed to be disclosed.

14. TERM LOAN – WORKING CAPITAL

The following represents short-term debt activity for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance			Balance
	July 1, 2022	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>
Community Loan Fund of NJ, Inc.	\$-0-	\$300,000	(\$300,000)	\$-0-

Community Loan Fund of NJ, Inc., is a third party lender. The purpose of this short-term obligation was for cash flow for operations. The total amount of the working capital loan authorized and borrowed was \$300,000. The loan was due June 30, 2023 and was fully repaid at June 30, 2023. Fixed interest rate of 7.25%, collaterized by a first priority security interest under the UCC in all of the school's assets, interest paid was \$15,733 for year ending June 30, 2023. In addition, the school paid a 1.50% commitment fee which is included in interest expense.

15. CHARTER SCHOOL EXPANSION

On February 1, 2023, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) received an amendment request from Achievers Early College Prep Charter School to expand its grade configuration from sixth grade through ninth grade to sixth grade to twelfth grade by adding tenth grade in the 2023-2024 school year and progressing to twelfth grade in the 2025-2026 school year. The request also includes an increase to Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's currently approved maximum enrollment of 360 seats to 630 seats by the 2025-2026 school year. This charter amendment was sought pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:11-2.6, which allows a charter school to submit to the Commissioner a request to amend its charter at any time during the charter term.

16. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS

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

Due To / From Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Special Revenue	<u>\$84,359</u>
Total		<u>\$84,359</u>

16. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES AND TRANSFERS (continued)

The above balances are the result of revenues earned or other financing sources received in one fund which are due to another fund and / or expenditures paid by one fund on behalf of another fund.

The Charter School expects all interfund balances to be liquidated within one year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION PART II



ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Budgetary Comparison Schedule

General Fund

	Original Budget Budget Transfers		Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual	
REVENUES:						
Local Sources:						
State / Local Share	\$ 5,248,452	\$ (60,075)	\$ 5,188,377	\$ 5,406,908	\$ (218,531)	
Miscellaneous				12,889	(12,889)	
Total - Local Sources	5,248,452	(60,075)	5,188,377	5,419,797	(231,420)	
Special Education	133,239	47,486	180,725	180,725	-	
Security Aid	151,500	12,589	164,089	164,089	-	
Maintenance of Equity Aid	-	-	-	72,734	(72,734)	
TPAF Pension (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)				216,942	(216,942)	
TPAF Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	-		-	56,990	(56,990)	
TPAF . LTD (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)				253	(253)	
TPAF Social Security (Reimbursed - Non-Budgeted)				71,929	(71,929)	
Total State Sources	284,739	60,075	344,814	763,662	(418,848)	
Total Revenues	5,533,191	-	5,533,191	6,183,459	(650,268)	
EXPENDITURES:						
Current Expense:						
Regular Programs - Instruction						
Teachers Salary	1,782,550	(626,473)	1,156,077	1,079,280	\$ 76,797	
Other Salaries	408,000	(151,042)	256,958	256,360	598	
Prof/Tech Services	190,000	(67,672)	122,328	96,332	25,996	
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	45,000	256,366	301,366	77,425	223,941	
General Supplies	87,500	(11,549)	75,951	4,257	71,694	
Textbooks	93,000	(76,474)	16,526	11,857	4,669	
Other Objects	12,000	12,800	24,800	16,261	8,539	
TOTAL REGULAR PROGRAMS - INSTRUCTION	2,618,050	(664,044)	1,954,006	1,541,772	412,234	

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund

	Original	Budget	Final		Variance
	Budget	Transfers	Budget	Actual	Final to Actual
Support Services - General Administrative					
Salaries of Administative Salaries	943,570	(180,600)	762,970	704,500	58,470
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Assistants	107,100	84,694	191,794	191,794	(0)
Cost of Benefits	725,000	(151,529)	573,471	573,471	-
Consultants	53,750	133,215	186,965	159,374	27,591
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series)	177,550	326,062	503,612	443,484	60,128
Communications/Telephone	6,400	61,798	68,198	60,234	7,964
Supplies and Materials	10,400	60,426	70,826	67,093	3,733
Other Objects	15,650	8,666	24,316	21,963	2,353
	2,039,420	342,732	2,382,152	2,221,913	160,239
Support Services - School Admin/Operation Plant Services		3.2,732	2,002,102	2,222,525	
Salaries	95,000	(52,386)	42,614	31,399	11,215
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	79,500	364,819	444,319	436,845	7,474
Other Purchased Services	62,250	(19,415)	42,835	42,835	-
Insurance	31,282	(20,582)	10,700	10,700	_
General Supplies	20,000	16,296	36,296	36,296	_
Transportation- Trips	12,000	(11,219)	781	781	-
Energy (Energy and Electricity)	120,000	(23,188)	96,812	87,638	9,174
Loan Interest	- -	15,733	15,733	15,733	-
Lease Expense Principal	65,000	· <u>-</u>	65,000	63,487	1,513
Lease expense Interest	388,189	(238)	387,951	362,387	25,564
Other Objects	2,500	51,492	54,242	51,346	2,896
Total Undist. Expend Other Oper. & Maint. Of Plant	875,721	321,312	1,197,283	1,139,447	57,836
Food Service					
Other Purchased Services	-	-	-	_	
Total Food Services	-		-	-	-
On-behalf TPAF Pension Contributions (non-budgeted)				216,942	(216,942)
On-behalf TPAF Medical Contributions (non-budgeted)				56,990	(56,990)
On-behalf - LTD Contribution (non-budgeted)				253	(253)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (non-budgeted)		-	-	71,929	(71,929)
TOTAL ON-BEHALF CONTRIBUTIONS	-		-	346,114	(346,114)
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENDITURES					
	2,915,141	664,044	3,579,435	3,707,474	(128,039)
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE	5,533,191	(0)	5,533,441	5,249,246	284,195

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
CAPITAL OUTLAY Equipment Regular Programs - Instruction:					
Instructional Equipment Non-Instructional Equipment Building Improvements		-	- - -		- -
Total Equipment	<u> </u>	-	-	-	<u> </u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES- GENERAL FUND	5,533,191	(0)	5,533,441	5,249,246	284,195
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>-</u>	0	(250)	934,213	(934,463)
Other Financing Sources: Operating Transfer In: Total Other Financing Sources:	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)				934,213	(934,213)
Fund Balance, July 1, 2022 Fund Balance, June 30, 2023		<u>-</u>	615,776 \$ 615,776	615,776 \$ 1,549,989	(934,213)
	<u> </u>		+ 013,770	+ + 1,3 13,303	(33.1,213)

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule Special Revenue Fund

					Variance
DEVENUES.	Budget	Transfers	Budget	Actual	Final to Actual
REVENUES:	<u> </u>		ć	\$ -	
Local Sources	\$ -		\$ -	•	
State Sources Federal Sources	59,005		59,005	59,005	
	1,279,199		1,279,199	1,279,199	
Total Revenues	1,338,204		1,338,204	1,338,204	
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	204 542		204 542	201 512	
Salaries of Teachers	291,513		291,513	291,513	
Other Salaries for Instruction	424 420		424 420	424 420	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	431,429		431,429	431,429	
Other Purchased Services (400-500 series) Textbooks	43,454		43,454	43,454	
General Supplies	248,629		248,629	248,629	
Rent	-		-	-	
Personal Services- Employee Benefits	22,301		22,301	22,301	
Instructional Equipment	24,417		24,417	24,417	
Equipment- Non instructional	87,005		87,005	87,005	
Miscellaneous Expense	-		-	-	
Total Instruction	1,148,748	-	1,148,748	1,148,748	
Support Services					
Salaries of Supervisor of Instruction	-		-	-	
Salaries of Program Directors					
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	-		-	-	
Salaries of Secretaries & Clerical Assistants					
Other Salaries					
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	-		-	-	
Purchased Professional - Educational Services	-		-	-	
Other Purchased Professional Services	-		-	-	
Supplies	-		-	-	
Communication					
Scholarships					
Tuition					
Travel					
Other purchased Services (400-500 series)	-		-	-	
Building Improvements	189,456		189,456	189,456	
Total Support Services	189,456		189,456	189,456	

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Budgetary Comparison Schedule Special Revenue Fund For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
Buildings Improvements					
Instructional Equipment					
Noninstructional Equipment					
Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services					
Transfer to Charter School					
Total Expenditures	1,338,204		1,338,204	1,338,204	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfer in from General Fund					
Transfer Out to Whole School Reform (General Fund)					
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
,					
Total Outflows	,				
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)					

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule 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

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



ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - PERS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30* (Unaudited)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	1,740,911	1,079,027	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	0.011535%	0.009108%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School Covered employee payroll	1,038,169	589,621	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a					
percentage of its covered-employee payroll	168%	183%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	59.7%	54.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS - PERS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30* (Unaudited)

Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$145,472	\$106,670	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(145,472)	(106,670)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution deficiency (excess)	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School Covered employee payroll	1,038,169	589,621	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	14.0%	18.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Exhibit L-3

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY - TPAF FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 (Unaudited)

Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)

	2022	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Charter School Proportion of the net pension liability (asset)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)** State's proportionate share of the net pension liability	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(asset) associated with the Charter School	1,909,259	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,909,259	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School Covered employee payroll Charter School Proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a	1,038,169				
percentage of its covered-employee payroll Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	N/A 55.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Change of Benefit Terms: None

Change of Assumptions: Assumptions used in calculating the net pension liability and statutorily

required employer contribution are presented in the notes to the

financial statements.

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPEB LIABILITY AND SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE OPEB LIABILITY NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Change of Benefit Terms: None

Change of Assumptions: Assumptions used in calculating the OPEB liability are presented in the

notes to the financial statements.

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY (UNAUDITED)

Postemployment Health Benefit Plan

Fiscal Years*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
The State of New Jersey's Total OPEB Liability						
Service Cost Interest	\$2,770,618,025 1,342,187,139	\$3,217,874,264 1,556,661,679	\$1,790,973,822 1,503,341,357	\$1,734,404,850 1,827,787,206	\$1,984,642,729 1,970,236,232	\$2,391,878,884 1,699,441,736
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience Benefit Payment Contributions from Members	1,399,200,736 (1,329,476,059) 42,650,252	11,449,632,500 59,202,105	11,544,750,637 (1,180,515,618) 35,781,384	(7,323,140,818) (1,280,958,373) 37,971,171	(5,002,065,740) (1,232,987,247) 42,614,005	(1,242,412,566) 45,748,749
Changes of Assumptions or other inputs Net change in total OPEB liability	(13,586,368,097) (\$9,361,188,004)	(1,186,417,186) (\$7,802,311,638)	12,386,549,981 \$26,080,881,563	622,184,027 (\$4,381,751,937)	(5,291,448,855) (\$7,529,008,876)	(7,086,599,129) (\$4,191,942,326)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	\$60,007,650,970	\$67,809,962,608	\$41,729,081,045	\$46,110,832,982	\$53,639,841,858	\$57,831,784,184
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$50,646,462,966	\$60,007,650,970	\$67,809,962,608	\$41,729,081,045	\$46,110,832,982	53,639,841,858
The State of New Jersey's total OPEB liability**	\$50,646,462,966	\$60,007,650,970	\$67,809,962,608	\$41,729,081,045	\$46,110,832,982	\$53,639,841,858
The State of New Jersey's OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School	\$811,706	\$455,718	0	0	0	0
The Charter School's proportionate share of the total OPEB liability	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charter School's covered employee payroll	2,304,328	589,621	0	0	0	0
Total Charter School's OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Charter School's contribution	None	None	None	None	None	None
State's covered employee payroll	\$14,753,355,408	\$14,425,669,769	\$14,267,738,657	\$13,929,081,045	\$13,640,275,833	\$13,493,400,208
Total State's OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	343.29%	416.00%	475.00%	300.00%	338.00%	397.53%

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

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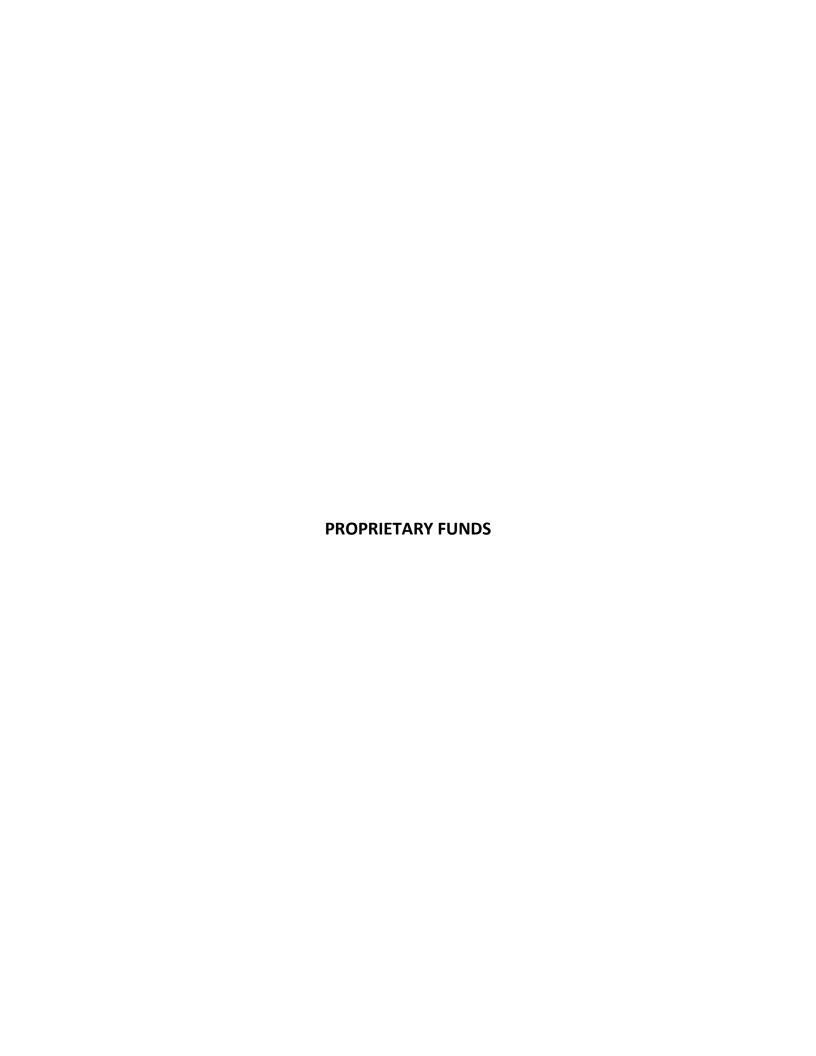
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of special revenue resources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL

Special Revenue Fund

Combining Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures- Budgetary Basis

								SDA Emergent
	TOTAL	Title	IDEA	CSP	ARP	ARP	ARP	Needs
DEVENUES	TOTAL	I Part A	Basic	Grant	LEARNING	MENTAL HLTH	ESSER III	Grant
REVENUES								
Intergovernmental	450.005							450.005
State	\$59,005	4242.044	400 740	456 257	450.000	45.000	4725 206	\$59,005
Federal	1,279,199	\$313,814	\$88,742	\$56,257	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$725,386	0
Other Sources								
Miscellaneous	4 220 204	242.044	00.740	56 257	50.000	45.000	725 206	50.005
Total Revenues	1,338,204	313,814	88,742	56,257	50,000	45,000	725,386	59,005
EXPENDITURES								
Instruction					_		_	
Salaries	291,513	291,513			0		0	
Other Purchased Services	43,454					0	43,454	
Purchased Prof. and Tech.and Edu Services	431,429		88,742	0	0	45,000	297,687	
General Supplies	248,629				50,000		198,629	
Recruitment								
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	22,301	22,301						
Rent								
Textbooks								
Instruction supplies	0							0
Instructional Equipment	24,417			24,417				
Equipment Non- Instructional	87,005						28,000	59,005
Miscellaneous Expense								
Total Instruction	1,148,748	313,814	88,742	24,417	50,000	45,000	567,770	59,005
Support Services								
Salaries of Supervisors of Instruction								
Salaries of Program Directors								
Salaries of Other Prof. Staff								
Salaries of Secretarial and Clerical Ass't								
Personal Services - Employee Benefits								
Supplies and Materials	0							
Communication								
Purchased Professional/Educational Services	0							
Class- room Improvements								
Building Improvements	189,456			31,840			157,616	
Non instructional Equipment	0							0
Total Support Services	189,456	0	0	31,840	0	0	157,616	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,338,204	\$313,814	\$88,742	\$56,257	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$725,386	\$59,005
TOTAL NET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



ENTERPRISE FUND

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

Food Service Fund - The fund provides for the operation of food services in all schools.

Exhibit G-1

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Net Position Proprietary Fund As of June 30, 2023

	Proprietary Fund Business-Type Activities Enterprise
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents Intergovernmental Receivable	\$11,682
Federal	30,054
State	1,123
Total Current Assets	1,123
Total Assets	\$42,859
LIABILITIES	
Net Position	
Unrestricted	42,859
Total Net Position	42,859
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$42,859

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position Proprietary Fund

	Proprietary Fund Business-Type Activities
	Enterprise
OPERATING REVENUES	
Federal Aid	
Federal PEBT	\$0
Federal EM School Lunch	0
Total Operating Revenues	0
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Supplies, Materials & Other	(\$216,609)
Total Operating Expenses	(216,609)
Income (Loss) From Operations	(216,609)
Nonoperating Revenues	
State Sources	
State Sources	9,044
Federal Sources	
National Snack	108
School Breakfast Program	69,159
National School Lunch Program	114,643
Total Nonoperating Revenues	192,954
Change in Net Position	(23,655)
Total Net Position - July 1, 2022	66,514
Total Net Position - June 30, 2023	\$42,859

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Statements of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Proprietary Fund Business-Type Activities
Cash flows from operating activities Cash Payments supplies, material and other Net Cash (Used) by Operating Activities	\$0 (216,609) (216,609)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities Cash Received from State and Federal Subsidy Reimbursements Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	223,478 223,478
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	6,869 4,813 \$11,682
Reconcilliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities Operating Income Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(\$23,655)
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable Change in Assets and Liabilities Total Adjustment	30,524 0 30,524
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$6,869

FIDUCIARY FUNDS (NOT APPLICABLE)

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Nonexpendable Trust Fund Combining Statement of Agency Fund Net Position Fiduciary Funds As of June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Nonexpendable Trust Fund Combining Statement of Agency Fund Net Position Fiduciary Funds As of June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Student Activity Agency Fund Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements Fiduciary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Payroll Agency Fund Schedule of Receipts and Disbursements Fiduciary Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Fiduciary Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

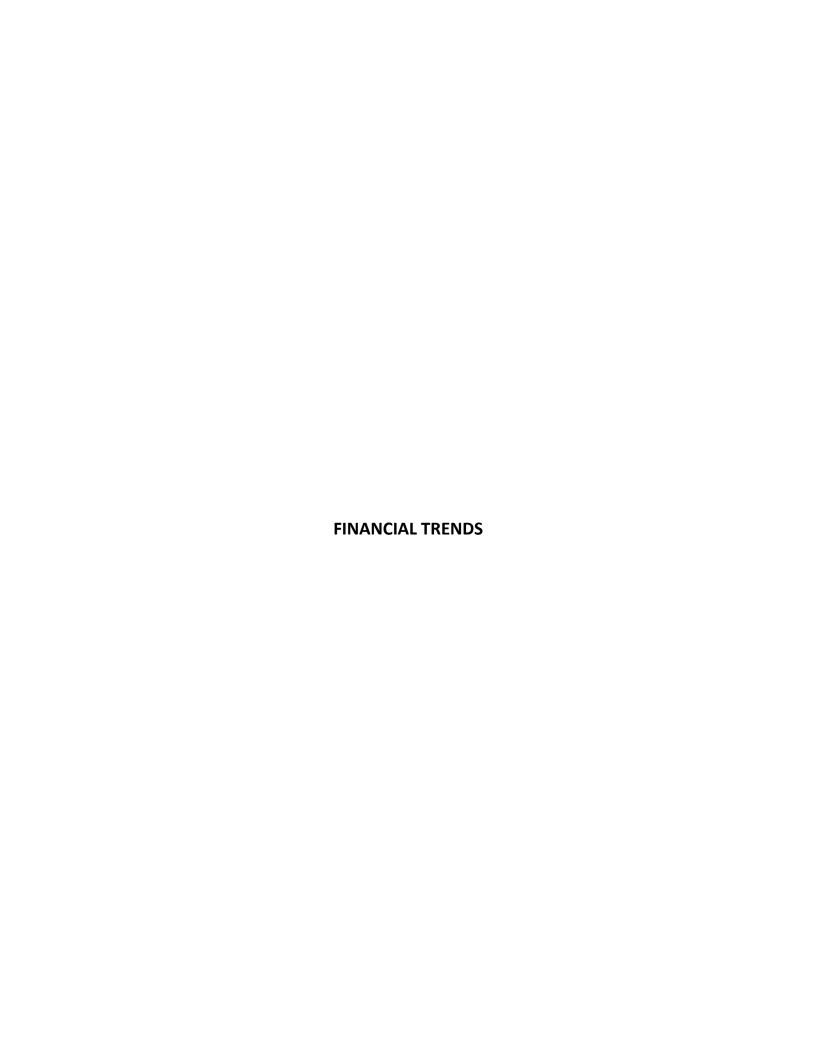
STATISTICAL SECTION

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

Contents	Exhibits
Financial Trends	J- l to J-5
These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the government's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.	
Revenue Capacity	J-6 to J-9
These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the government's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.	
Debt Capacity	J-10 to J-13
These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the government's current levels of outstanding debt and the government's ability to issue additional debt in the future.	
Demographic and Economic Information	J-14 and J-15
These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the government's financial activities take place.	
Operating Information	J-16 to J-20
These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader	

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

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



ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NET POSITION BY COMPONENT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (UNAUDITED)

	2023	2022		2021		2020		2019	
Governmental activities Invested in capital assets, net	\$ 104,298	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Unrestricted	903,184	615,776		1,452,447		205,367		21,081	
Total governmental activities net position	\$ 1,007,482	\$ 615,776	\$	1,452,447	\$	205,367	\$	21,081	
Business-type activities Invested in capital assets, net Unrestricted	42,859	66,514		14,344		9,547		5,088	
Total business-type activities net position	\$ 42,859	\$ 66,514	\$	14,344	\$	9,547	\$	5,088	
School-wide Invested in capital assets, net		-		-		-		-	
Unrestricted	 1,050,341	682,290		1,466,791		215,914		26,169	
Total school net position	\$ 1,050,341	\$ 682,290	\$	1,466,791	\$	215,914	\$	26,169	

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL CHANGES IN NET POSITION FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (UNAUDITED)

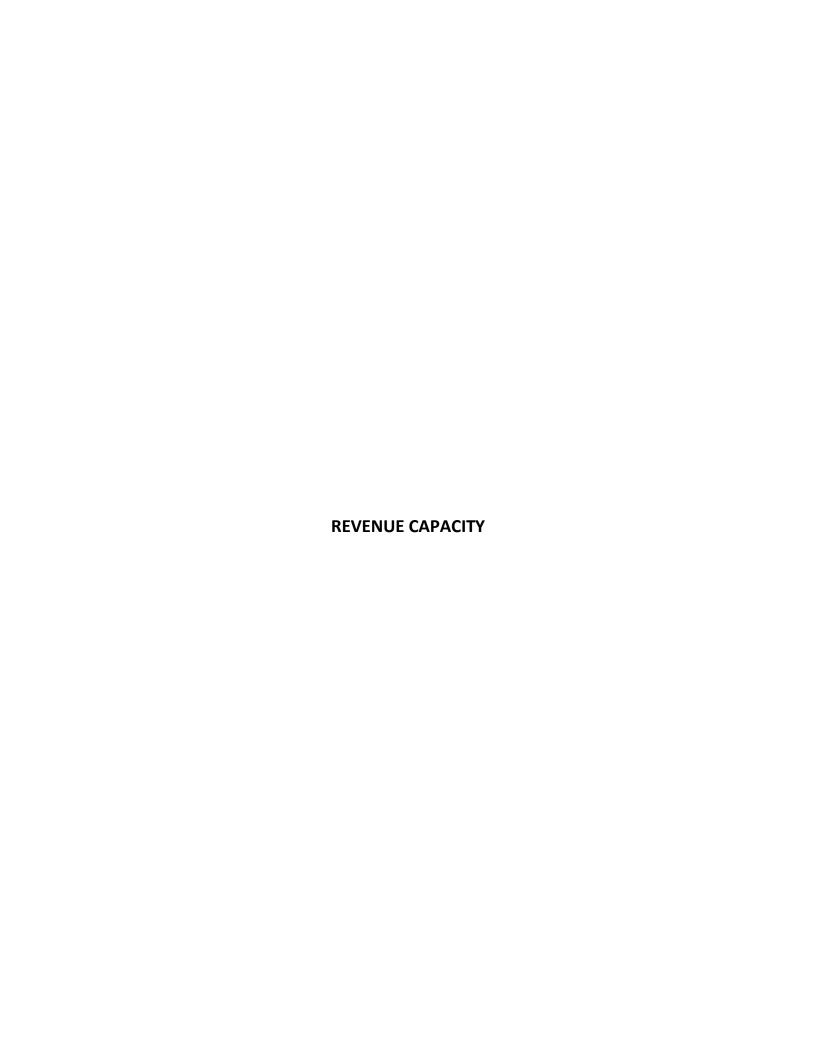
F		<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
Expenses Governmental activities										
Instruction										
Regular	\$	2,690,520	\$	4,106,523	\$	1,595,855	\$	976,525	\$	604,448
Support Services:										
General administration		2,411,369		2,499,080		868,373		773,450		591,896
School Administrative Services		1,139,447		715,042		379,159		509,643		109,614
On-behalf TPAF Social Security / Pension / Medical		346,114		282,448		40,369		30,360		18,389
Capital outlay		-		-		49,096		29,665		-
Amortization expense over principal payments on leases		77,797		228,499						
Unallocated depreciation and amortization		(104,298)		-			_	-		
Total governmental activities expenses	\$	6,560,949	\$	7,831,592	\$	2,932,852	\$	2,319,643	\$	1,324,347
Business-type activities:										
Food service		216,609		265,749		57,317		81,906		49,298
Total business-type activities expense	_	216,609	_	265,749	_	57,317	_	81,906	<u> </u>	49,298
Total school expenses	\$	6,777,558	\$	8,097,341	\$	2,990,169	\$	2,401,549	\$	1,373,645
Program Revenues										
Governmental activities:										
Operating grants and contributions	_	1,338,204	_	1,521,089	_	330,510	_	114,975	_	324,110
Total governmental activities program revenues	\$	1,338,204	\$	1,521,089	\$	330,510	\$	114,975	\$	324,110
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services										
Proprietary Fund		192,954		317,919		62,114		86,365		54,386
Total business type activities program revenues	_	192,954	<u>,</u>	317,919	_	62,114	<u>,</u>	86,365		54,386
Total school program revenues	\$	1,531,158	\$	1,839,008	\$	392,624	\$	201,340	\$	378,496
Net (Expense)/Revenue										
Governmental activities		(\$5,222,745)		(\$6,310,503)		(\$2,601,342)		(\$2,204,668)		(\$1,000,237)
Business-type activities		(23,655)		52,170		4,797		4,459		5,088
Total school-wide net expense	_	(\$5,246,400)		(\$6,258,333)		(\$2,596,545)		(\$2,200,209)		(\$3,334,720)
Governmental activities:										
Local Share					\$	343,763	\$	208,811	\$	100,551
State Share		5,406,908		4,613,235		2,919,854		1,877,589		809,421
State and Federal Aid aid		763,662		584,061		391,236		272,721		110,536
Miscellaneous income		12,889		48,037		11,620		29,833		810
Pension Adjustment		(313,965)		(26,544)						
PPP Loan Forgiveness	_		_		_	181,949	_	-	_	-
Total activities	\$	5,869,494	\$	5,218,789	\$	3,848,422	\$	2,388,954	\$	1,021,318
Business-type activities:		-		-		-		-		-
Transfers		0		0		0		0		0
Total business-type activities Total school-wide	\$	5,869,494	\$	5,218,789	\$	0 3,848,422	\$	0 2,388,954	\$	1,021,318
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Governmental activities	\$	646,749 (23,655)	\$	(1,091,714)	\$	1,247,080	Ş	184,286	Ţ	
Governmental activities Business-type activities Total school	\$	646,749 (23,655) 623,094		(1,091,714) 52,170 (1,039,544)		1,247,080 4,797 1,251,877		184,286 4,459 188,745		5,088

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (UNAUDITED)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Fund					
Unassigned	\$1,549,989	\$615,776	\$1,452,447	\$205,367	\$21,081
Total General Fund	\$1,549,989	\$615,776	\$1,452,447	\$205,367	\$21,081
All Other Governmental Funds Unassigned, reported Total all other governmental funds					

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL SCHOOL WIDE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (UNAUDITED)

	2023	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues					
Local tax Levy			\$343,763	\$208,811	\$100,551
State Aid	5,406,908	4,613,235	2,919,854	1,877,589	809,421
State sources	763,462	584,061	391,236	272,721	110,536
Food Service	192,954	317,919	62,114	86,365	54,386
Miscellaneous revenue	12,889	48,037	193,569	32,682	266,912
Federal sources	1,338,204	1,521,089	330,510	112,126	58,008
Total revenue	7,714,417	7,084,341	4,241,046	2,590,294	1,399,814
Expenditures	•				_
Instruction					
Regular Instruction	1,541,772	2,927,440	1,297,418	861,550	409,728
Support Services:					
General administration	2,221,913	2,157,074	835,300	773,450	462,506
School administrative services/Plant	1,139,447	715,042	379,159	509,643	109,614
TPAF Social Security / Pension / Medical	346,114	282,448	40,369	30,360	18,389
Capital Outlay	0	0	49,096	29,665	0
Food Service	216,609	265,749	57,317	81,906	49,298
Special Revenue	1,338,204	1,521,089	330,510	114,975	324,110
Total expenditures	6,804,059	7,868,842	2,989,169	2,401,549	1,373,645
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues	•				_
over (under) expenditures					
Other Financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in					
Transfers out					
Total other financing sources (uses)	0	0	0	0	0
Net change in fund balance	\$ 910,358	\$ (784,501) \$	1,251,877	\$ 188,745	\$ 26,169



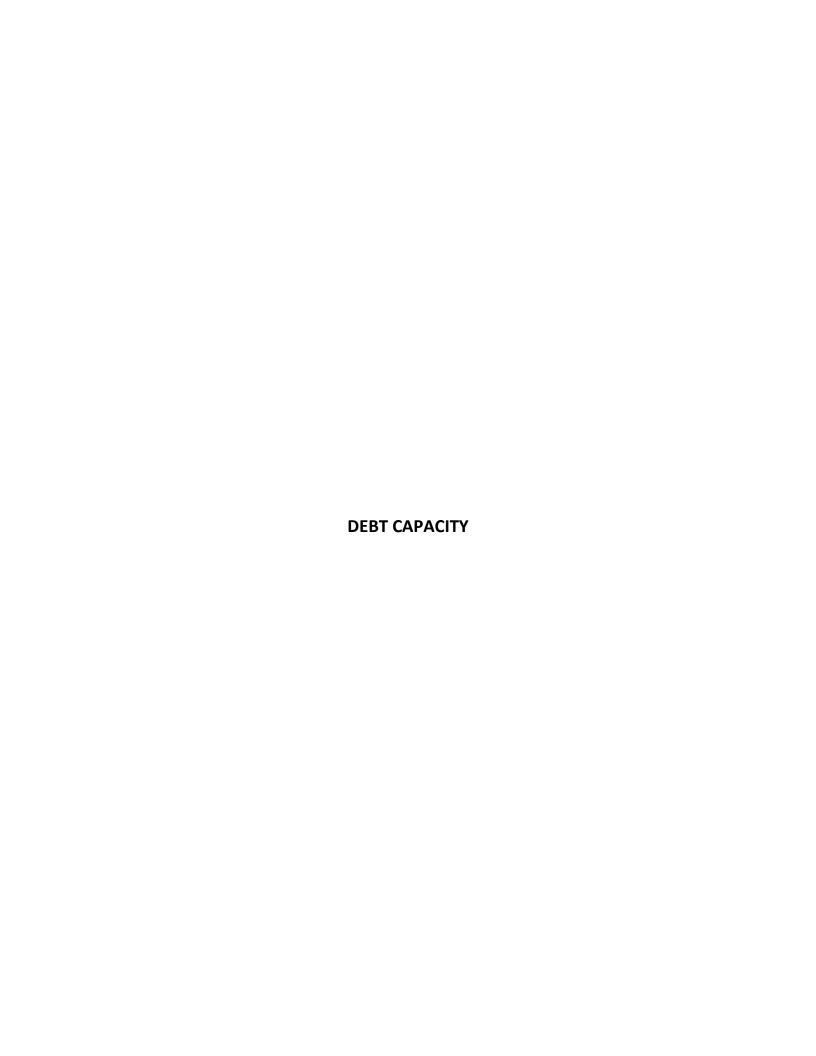
ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund - Other Local Revenue By Source For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30 (Unaudited)

	Sale of Capital		PPP Loan	Prior Year	Leaseback of		
	Assets	Donations	Forgiveness	Refunds	Textbooks	Other Local	Totals
2019						810	810
2020						29,833	29,833
2021			181,949			11,620	193,569
2022						48,037	48,037
2023						12,889	12,889

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Assessed Value and Actual Value of Taxable Property For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Direct and Overlapping Property Tax Rates For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Principal Property Taxpayers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023



ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Property Tax Levies and Collections For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Ratios of Net General Bonded Debt Outstanding For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Direct and Overlapping Governmental Activities Debt For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023



ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Legal Debt Margin Information For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Demographic and Economic Statistics For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2023

OPERATING INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Principal Employers For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Full-time Equivalent School Employees by Function/Program For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30 (UNAUDITED)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Function/Program					
Instruction					
Regular	23	23	13	12	6
Special education	2	2	4		
Other special education					
Vocational					
Other instruction	5	4	1	2	
Nonpublic school programs					
Adult/continuing education programs					
Support Services:					
Student & instruction related services	5	5			3
General administration	3	3	2	2	4
School administrative services	3	3	2	2	
Other administrative services	2	2	3	1	
Central services	1	1	1	1	
Administrative Information Technology					
Plant operations and maintenance					
Pupil transportation					
Other support services	1	1	1	2	
Special Schools					
Food Service					
Child Care					
Total	45	44	27	22	13

Source: School Personnel Records

Exhibit J-17

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Operating Statistics For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30 (UNAUDITED)

						Pupil/Teacl	ner Ratio		
Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff	Elementary and Middle School	Senior High School	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)
2019	72	1,373,645	19,078	N/A	6	12:1	N/A	72	94.0%
2020	168	2,401,549	14,312	(-24%)	12	14:1	N/A	167.8	93.8%
2021	262	2,989,169	11,409	(-20.3%)	17	15:1	N/A	262.7	93.69%
2022	346	7,868,842	22,742	99.3%	25	13:1	N/A	320	92.56%
2023	345	6,804,059	19,722	(-13.3%)	25	13:1	N/A	341.8	93.70%

Sources: School records

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL School Building Information For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30 (UNAUDITED)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
School Building					
Main Campus					
Square Feet	40,000	40,000	40,000	16,464	16,464
Capacity (students)	400	400	400	180	180
Enrollment	345	346	262	168	72
Number of Schools at June 30 MS / High School	1	1	1	1	1

Source: Lease

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL General Fund - Schedule of Required Maintenance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL INSURANCE SCHEDULE JUNE 30, 2023 UNAUDITED

	 Coverage	Deductible			
Commercial Package					
Property - Blanket Building and Contents	\$ 500,000,000	\$	1,000		
Accounts Receivable	\$ 250,000	\$	1,000		
Automobile Physical Damage	None		None		
Electronic Data Processing Equipment	\$ 200,000	\$	1,000		
Comprehensive General Liability					
Occurrence Limit	\$ 11,000,000		None		
Automobile Liability	\$ 11,000,000		None		
Employee Benefit Liability	\$ 11,000,000	\$	1,000		
Workers' Compenstion					
Statutory Benefits	Included				
Employer's Liability	\$ 2,000,000				
Supplemental Indemnity Coverage	Included	7 Day Waiti	ng Period		
School Leaders Errors & Omissions					
Limit Each Loss	\$ 11,000,000	\$	5,000		
Crime					
Blanket Employee Dishonesty	\$ 100,000	\$	500		
Computer Fraud	\$ 100,000	\$	500		
Forgery	\$ 100,000	\$	500		
Theft/Disappearance/Destruction:					
Inside	\$ 50,000	\$	500		
Outside	\$ 50,000	\$	500		
Public Official Bonds					
Board Secretary	\$ 160,000	\$	1,000		

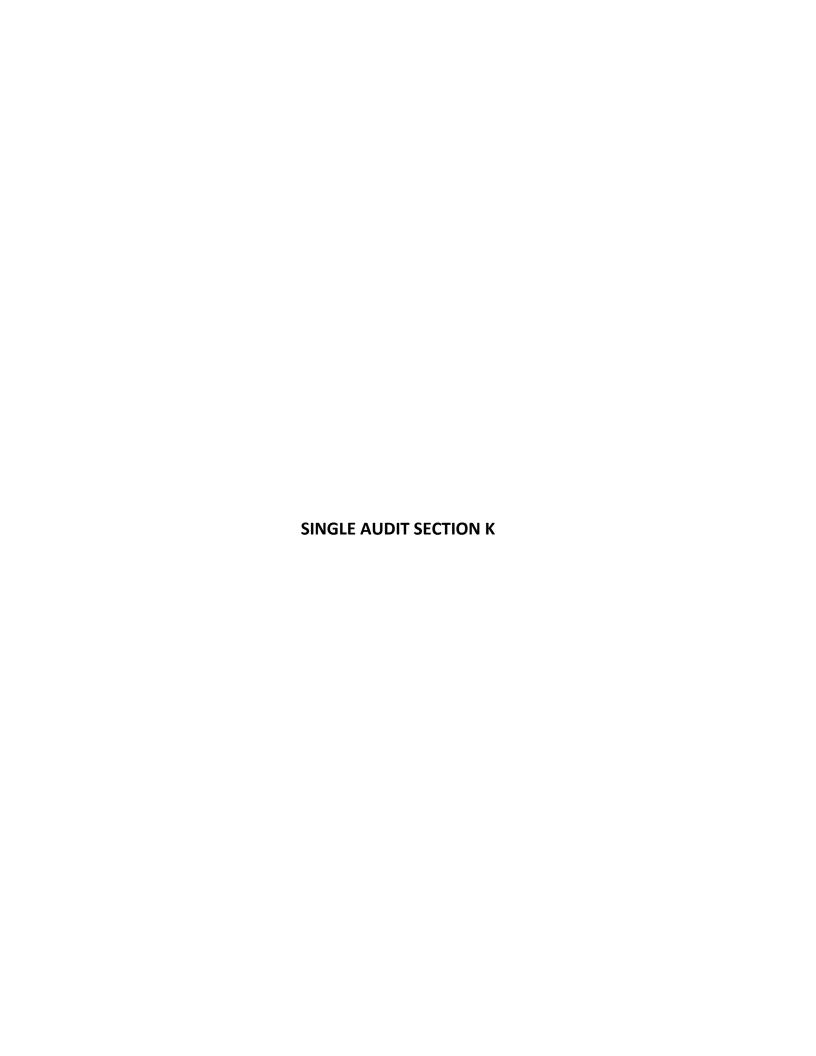
Source: Charter School Records

CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK FINANCIAL INDICATORS

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - FINANCIAL RATIOS FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30 (UNAUDITED)

Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators Near Term Indicators

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Cash and Cash Equivalents	915,790	276,664	1,475,274	489,561	21,910
Current Assets	1,602,827	803,864	1,545,495	533,959	169,975
Capital Assets-Net	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	1,602,827	803,864	1,545,495	533,959	169,975
Current Liabilities	91,680	121,574	78,704	319,045	143,806
Long Term Liabilities					
Total Liabilities	91,680	121,574	78,704	319,045	143,806
Net Position	1,511,147	682,290	1,466,791	214,914	26,169
Total Revenue	7,714,617	6,893,569	4,241,046	2,590,294	1,399,814
Total Expenses	(6,804,059)	(7,678,070)	(2,989,169)	(2,401,549)	(1,373,645)
Change in Net Position	910,558	(784,501)	1,251,877	188,745	26,169
Depreciation	3,392	0	0	0	0
Principal Payments	0	0	0	0	0
Interest payments	0	0	0	0	0
Final average daily enrollment	342	346	262	168	70
March 30th budgeted Enrollment	342	346	262	168	70
Near term indicators	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
CURRENT RATIO	160	15	19.5	1.67	1.18
Unrestricted days cash	44.74	13.15	180.15	74.41	5.9
Enrollment variance	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Default	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total margin	12%	-11%	29%	7%	2%
Debt to Asset	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cash flow	557,424	(1,198,610)	985,713	467,651	21,910
Debt Service Coverage ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A



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EXHIBIT K-1

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

The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees Achievers Early College Prep Charter School County of Mercer Trenton, New Jersey

I have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Achievers Early College Prep Charter School ("the Charter School"), in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon, dated January 8, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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EXHIBIT K-2

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND NJ OMB 15-08

The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees Achievers Early College Prep Charter School County of Mercer Trenton, New Jersey

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

I have audited Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement and the New Jersey State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's major Federal and State programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's major Federal and State programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In my opinion, Achievers Early College Prep Charter School complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major Federal and State programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program

I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and NJ OMB Circular 15-08. My responsibilities under those standards, the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB Circular 15-08, are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of my report.

I am required to be independent of Achievers Early College Prep Charter School and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion on

compliance for each major Federal and State programs. My audit does not provide a legal determination of Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

My 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 Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's compliance based on my audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB Circular 15-08, will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's compliance with the requirements of each major Federal and State programs as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB Circular 15-08, I:

- 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 Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's compliance with the
 compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as I considered
 necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and NJ OMB Circular 15-08, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Achievers Early College Prep Charter School's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I 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.

My 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 my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and NJOMB circular 15-08. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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January 8, 2024

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grant/Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing <u>Number</u>	Federal Award Identification <u>Number</u>	Grant <u>Period</u>	Award <u>Amount</u>	Accounts Receivable at July 1, 2022	Prior <u>Carry-over</u>	Cash <u>Received</u>	Budgetary Expenditures	Refund of Prior Years' <u>Balances</u>	<u>Adjust</u>	Deferred Revenue/ (Accounts Receivable) June 30, 2023	Due to Grantor June 30, 2023
Enterprise Fund: U.S. Department of Agriculture Passed-Through NJ State Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Cluster												
National School Breakfast	10.553	221NJ304N1099	07/01/21-06/30/22	\$. ,							\$ - \$	
National School Lunch	10.555	221NJ304N1099 231NJ304N1199	07/01/21-06/30/22	216,502	(43,134)	-	43,134	-	-	-		-
National School Breakfast National School Lunch	10.553 10.555	231NJ304N1199 231NJ304N1199	07/01/22-06/30/23 07/01/22-06/30/23	69,159 116,950	-	-	57,193 98,142	69,159 116,950	-	-	(11,966) (18,808)	-
National School Snack	10.555	231NJ304N1199 231NJ304N1199	07/01/22-06/30/23	10,930	-	-	108	116,930	-		(10,000)	
Total Enterprise Fund/Total US Dept. of Agriculture Pass Thr		23110304101133	07/01/22 00/30/23	100 .	(60,548)	-	215,991	186,217	_	-	(30,774)	
Special Revenue Fund: U.S. Department of Education Passed-Through NJ State Department of Education Title 1 Part A Total ESEA Special Education Cluster	84.010	S010A210030	07/01/22-09/30/23	313,814	-	-	313,814	313,814	-	-	-	-
IDEA Part B	84.027A	H027A220100	07/01/22-09/30/23	88,742	-	-	88,742	88,742	-	-	-	<u> </u>
Total Special Education Cluster				•	-	-	88,742	88,742	-	-	-	-
Charter School Program Grant	84.282E	S282A200020	11/01/22-09/30/25	1,500,000	-	-	-	56,257	-	-	(56,257)	-
Education Stabilization Fund ARP ESSER 111 ARP Accelerated Learning ARP Mental Health Total Education Stabilization Fund	84.425U 84.425U 84.425U	S425D210027 S425U210027 S425U210027	03/13/20-09/30/23 03/13/20-09/30/24 03/13/20-09/30/24	1,072,863 50,000 45,000	(347,477)	- - -	1,044,761 50,000 45,000 1,139,761	725,386 50,000 45,000 820,386	-	- - - -	(28,102) - - (28,102)	- - -
Total Special Revenue/NJ Dept. of Education, Pass Through Pro	grams				(347,477)	-	1,542,317	1,279,199	-	-	(84,359)	
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards					\$ (408,025)	\$ - \$	1,758,308 \$	1,465,416	\$ - \$; -	\$ (115,133)	-

See accompanying notes to schedules of expenditures of Federal and State award programs.

Exhibit K-4 Schedule B

Due to Grantor

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant <u>Period</u>	Award <u>Amount</u>		Balar June 30,		Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments	Repayment of Prior Years' <u>Balances</u>	(Accts June <u>20</u>	30,
NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION												
GENERAL FUND												
Equalization Aid	23-495-034-5120-078	7/1/22-06/30/23	\$ 5,406,9		\$	- \$	5,406,908		\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Special Education Categorical Aid	23-495-034-5120-089	7/1/22-06/30/23	180,7			-	180,725	180,725	-	-		-
Security Aid	23-495-034-5120-084	7/1/22-06/30/23	164,0	089		-	164,089	164,089	-	-		-
Maintenance of Equity State Aid	23-495-034-5120-128	7/1/22-06/30/23	72,	734		-	72,734	72,734	-	-		-
Reimbursed Social Security Tax	23-495-034-5094-003	7/1/22-06/30/23	71,9	929		-	71,929	71,929	-	-		-
On-Behalf-Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund LT Disability	23-495-034-5094-004	7/1/22-06/30/23		253		-	253	253	-	-		-
On-Behalf-Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund	23-495-034-5094-002	7/1/22-06/30/23	216,9	942		-	216,942	216,942	-	-		-
On-Behalf-Teachers' Pension Post Retirement Medical	23-495-034-5094-001	7/1/22-06/30/23	56,9	990		-	56,990	56,990	-	-		
Total General Fund						-	6,170,570	6,170,570	-	-		
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND												
School Development Authority - Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance	23-495-034-5120-139	7/1/22-06/30/23	59,0	005		-	59,005	59,005	-	-		-
Total Special Revenue Fund						-	59,005	59,005	-	-		-
NJ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENTERPRISE FUND												
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	22-100-010-3350-023	7/1/21-06/30/22	5,0	033		(993)	993	-	-	-		-
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-06/30/23	3,0	055		-	2,543	3,055	-	-		(512)
National School Breakfast Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-06/30/23	7	798		-	656	798	-	-		(142)
National School Breakfast After the Bell Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-06/30/23	2,8	884		-	2,415	2,884	-	-		(469)
Total Enterprise Fund						(993)	6,607	6,737	-	-		(1,123)
Total State Financial Assistance					\$	(993) \$	6,236,182	\$ 6,236,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$	(1,123)
On-Behalf-Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund LT Disability	23-495-034-5094-004	7/1/22-06/30/23					(253)	(253)				
On-Behalf-Teachers' Pension and Annuity Pension	23-495-034-5094-002	7/1/22-06/30/23					(216,942)	(216,942)				
On-Behalf-Teachers' Pension Post Retirement Medical	23-495-034-5094-001	7/1/22-06/30/23					(56,990)	(56,990)				
Less Amounts Not Subject to Single Audit On Behalf payments							(274,185)	(274,185)				
Total State Financial Assistance Subject to State Single Audit Major Program D	etermination				\$	(993) \$	5,961,997	\$ 5,962,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$	(1,123)

See accompanying notes to schedules of expenditures of Federal and State award programs.

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOTE 1. GENERAL

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

NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant account budgetary basis, which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to GAAP basis is \$-0-. See Note 1 for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis of accounting for the special revenue fund. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the school's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE ASSISTANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Federal	State	Total
General Fund	\$ -(D- \$ 6,170,	570 \$ 6,170,570
Special Revenue Fund	1,279,19	9 59,	005 1,338,204
Enterprise Fund	186,21	.7 6,	737 192,955
Total Awards and Financial Assistance	\$ 1,465,41	6 \$ 6,236	<u>312</u> \$ 7,701,729

NOTE 4. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

NOTE 5. OTHER INFORMATION

The TPAF Social Security Contributions of \$71,929 represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The amount reported as TPAF Pension System Contributions in the amount of \$216,942 and TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions in the amount of \$56,990 and long term disability contributions of \$253 represents the amount paid by the State on behalf of the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

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

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

NOTE 7. DE MINIMIS INDIRECT COST RATE

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

PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statement Section

Type of auditor's	report issued:		Unmo	dified	
			<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Internal control o	ver financial reporting	:			
Material w	veakness(es) identified	! :		X	
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?			X	None Reported	
Noncompliance m	naterial to financial sta	itements noted?		X	
Federal Award	S				
Internal control o	ver compliance:				
Material w	veakness(es) identified	! ?		X	
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?			X	None Reported	
Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:		Unmo	dified		
	disclosed that are red CFR 200.156(A) of Un	quired to be Reported in iform Guidance.		X	
Identification of n	najor programs:				
Federal AL		Name of Federal Program or			
Number(s)	FAIN Number	<u>Cluster</u>			
84.425U	S425U210027	ARP – ESSER III			

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Number(s)	FAIN Number	<u>Cluster</u>	
84.425U	S425U210027	ARP – ESSER III	
84.425U	S425U210027	ARP – Accelerated Learning &	
		Coaching	
84.425U	S425U210027	ARP – Mental Health	
Dollar thres programs (•	iish between type A and type B	\$750,000
Auditee qualified	as low risk auditee:		X

PART 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS (Continued)

State Awards	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs (.520)	\$750,	000	
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee:	X		
Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmod	dified	
Internal control over major programs:			
Material weakness(es) identified:		X	
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weakness(es)?		Х	None Reported
Type of auditor's report on compliance for major programs:	Unmod	dified	
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be Reported in accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 15-08?		X	

Identification of major programs:

State Grant Number(s)	Name of State Cluster
23-495-034-5120-078	Equalization Aid
23-495-034-5120-089	Special Education Categorical Aid
23-495-034-5120-084	Security Aid

PART II – SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

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

No financial statement findings noted that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

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

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

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

ACHIEVERS EARLY COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL SUMMARY OF 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 Chapter 6.12 of *Government Auditing Standards*, U.S. Uniform Guidance (section .315(a)(b)) and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

In accordance with government auditing standards, my procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. There were no prior year findings.