COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL
AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

## XI. AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees College Achieve Central Charter School County of Union Plainfield, New Jersey

I have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Trustees of the College Achieve Central Charter School, in the County of Union, for the year ended June 30, 2023 and have issued my report thereon dated February 14, 2024.

As part of my audit, I performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended for the information of the College Achieve Central Charter School Board of Trustees' management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400

Gerald D. Longo

**Certified Public Accountant** 

February 14, 2024

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

#### **Administrative Practices and Procedures**

#### Insurance

Various fire and liability insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed in the Insurance Schedule contained in the Charter School's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). See Exhibit J-20.

#### Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Treasurer	\$180,000

#### P.L.2020,c.44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per N.J.S.A.18A:16-13.3 (Chapter 44) submitted for the year on audit.

The bill includes a provision that permits charter school employers to not implement Chapter 44 unless they have a collective negotiation agreement with any of their employees in place on or after the law's effective date. The Charter School does not have a collective negotiation agreement in place, and therefore, is not required to implement Chapter 44.

#### **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting**

#### **Examination of Claims**

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

#### **Payroll Accounts**

The net salaries of all employees of the Charter School were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees payroll deductions and employees share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls were approved by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit withholding due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the Secretary of the Board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

#### Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2023 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No exceptions were noted during my review.

#### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with the *N.J.A.C.* 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of my test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. I also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in my compliance and single audit testing procedures, if applicable. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, my sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### a) General Classification Findings

No exceptions or discrepancies were noted in the general classification of expenditures.

#### b) Administrative Classification Findings

No exceptions or discrepancies were noted in the administrative classification of expenditures.

#### **Board Secretary's Records**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements of the Charter School, I considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, I have no comments.

#### Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements of the Charter School, I considered the condition of the Treasurer's Records for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, I have no comments.

#### Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under the various applicable programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no areas of non compliance and/or questionable costs.

#### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The charter school's other Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A (K-3) and Schedule B (K-4) located in the ACFR.

My audit of the Federal and State funds on a test basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

The study of compliance for the special projects indicated no areas of non compliance.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

My audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for the College Achieve Central Charter School employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the charter school to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the charter school for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement. No exceptions were noted.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### **Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids**

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general is available on the NJ Local Agency Procurement Laws webpage: https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html.

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature (http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/) website.

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$20,200 for 2022-23.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the Charter School to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law.

The Charter School has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of my examination, I did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the Charter School used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. My audit did reveal however, that the Charter School did make purchases under State contracts and cooperative purchasing agreements.

#### **SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE**

SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A.18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the age of 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all students during the emergency.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food service fund were reviewed. The financial accounts and meal count records were reviewed on a test-check basis. No exceptions were noted.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit. No exceptions were noted.

The charter school utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.JS.A. 18A:17- 34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the Cost Reimbursable FSMC Contract was reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract has no guarantees that the food service program will break even, return a profit, or limit a loss. All vendor discounts, rebates, and credits from vendors and/or the FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually. The FSMC did not apply for a loan in accordance with the Payroll Protection Plan. No exceptions were noted.

Expenditures should be separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed, and costs verified. Inventory records on food and supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used. No exceptions were noted.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service. No exceptions were noted.

The SFA did not operate a program under the SSO or SFSP programs. The recording and maintaining of separate supporting documentation for additional costs (food, supplies, transportation, etc.) is not applicable.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

The SFA did not have any food service employees and no food service funds were used for payroll related expenditures.

The number of meals claimed as served was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheets were completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted in a timely manner. No exceptions were noted.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications or to the list of directly certified students on file, times the number of operating days, on a school-by-school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk policy was reviewed for uniform administration throughout the school system. No exceptions were noted.

Examination for compliance with all counting and claiming requirements for Provisions I and II was not applicable to the charter school.

The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review. No exceptions were noted.

USDA Food Distribution Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

Non-program foods were not purchased, prepared, sold, or offered for sale.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G of the ACFR.

#### **Student Body Activities**

The Charter School does not have any student activity funds.

#### **Enrollment Counts and Submissions to the Department**

My audit procedures included a test of enrollment information on October 15, 2022, and the last day of school for on roll, special education, bilingual and low-income students and a review of the Charter School's procedures related to its completion.

The charter school maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or the equivalent and their written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

#### **Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities**

The Charter School adhered to all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

The Charter School submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g)

#### **Suggestions to Management:**

#### **COVID-19 Federal Funding**

It is likely that the Charter School will undergo some review of its COVID-19 federal funding if only at a desk review level by state and/or federal agencies. We strongly suggest that the Charter School ensures that these funds are utilized in accordance with the applicable federal requirements, especially with respect to procurement. Additionally, we strongly suggest that the Charter School ensures that these funds are accounted

for in the state account numbers designated by the NJ Department of Education and that any applicable Board policies are current with respect to federal grant requirements.

#### **Follow-up on Prior Year Findings**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, my procedures included a review of all prior year audit recommendations including findings. There was no prior year findings.

#### Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Findings

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school and I greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald D. Longo

**Certified Public Accountant** 

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Licensed Public School Accountant No. 20CS00206400

#### COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID **ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022**

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	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2a</u>	<u>2b</u>		<u>2c</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>3a</u>		<u>3b</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>4a</u>	
Grades	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Reporte		50% Verification required 10/15/22	Verified signed registration forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	to DOE Reported Special Ed/ Bilingual		Errors	Verified # days Service Provided		Low Income	Verified documentation	1 Errors
Pre-K	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K	113	57	0	57	57	0	57	0	3	3	0	3	0	22	22	0
1	107	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	4	4	0	4	0	36	36	0
2	107	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	10	10	0	10	0	40	40	0
3	109	55	0	55	55	0	55	0	7	7	0	7	0	43	43	0
4	104	52	0	52	52	0	52	0	4	4	0	4	0	37	37	0
5	107	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	5	5	0	5	0	36	36	0
6	108	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	2	2	0	2	0	34	34	0
7	108	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	4	4	0	4	0	36	36	0
8	111	56	0	56	56	0	56	0	6	6	0	6	0	36	36	0
9	126	63	0	63	63	0	63	0	7	7	0	7	0	34	34	0
10	119	60	0	60	60	0	60	0	7	7	0	7	0	38	38	0
11	84	42	0	42	42	0	42	0	5	5	0	5	0	27	27	0
12	87	44	0	44	44	0	44	0	6	6	0	6	0	26	26	0
Total	1390	699	0	699	699	0	699	0	70	70	0	70	0	445	445	0
Percentage			0.0%			0%		0%			0%		0%			0%

Percentage

## COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

ENROLLIMENT COUNT AS OF THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL																
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2a</u>	<u>2b</u>		<u>2c</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>3a</u>		<u>3b</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>4a</u>	
Grades	Submission to DOE reported On Roll			50% Verification required 6/30/23	Verified signed registration forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Submission to DOE Reported Special Ed/ Bilingual	Verified	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified documentation	Errors
Dro V		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Pre-K	113	56	0	56	56	0	0 56	0	0	2	0	2	0	21	21	0
1	107	53	0	53	53	0	53	0	3	3	0	3	0	36	36	0
2	107	53	0	53	53	0	53	0	9	9	0	9	0	39	39	0
3	109	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	6	6	0	6	0	42	42	0
4	104	52	0	52	52	0	52	0	4	4	0	4	0	37	37	0
5	107	53	0	53	53	0	53	0	5	5	0	5	0	35	35	0
6	108	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	1	1	0	1	0	34	34	0
7	108	54	0	54	54	0	54	0	4	4	0	4	0	36	36	0
8	111	55	0	55	55	0	55	0	5	5	0	5	0	36	36	0
9	126	63	0	63	63	0	63	0	6	6	0	6	0	33	33	0
10	119	59	0	59	59	0	59	0	6	6	0	6	0	37	37	0
11	84	42	0	42	42	0	42	0	5	5	0	5	0	26	26	0
12	87	43	0	43	43	0	43	0	5	5	0	5	0	25	25	0
Total	1390	691	0	691	691	0	691	0	62	62	0	62	0	437	437	0
Percentage	•	•	0.0%			0%		0%			0%		0%	<del>-</del>		0%

### COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL Net Cash Resource Schedule

Net cash resources did not exceed three months of expenditures Proprietary Funds - Food Service For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Net Cash Resources:			Food Service Fund	
ACFR Schedule B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Assets: * Cash & Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable Due from Other Funds	\$	- 49,787 -	
B-4	Current Liabilities: Less: Accounts Payable Less: Due to Other Funds		- (49,787)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$	<u>-</u>	(A)
Net Adjusted Total Op		Φ.	4 000 040	
B-5 B-5	Total Operating Expenses Less: Depreciation	\$	1,000,613 	
	Net Adjusted Total Operating Expenses	\$	1,000,613	(B)
Average Monthly Ope	rating Expense:			
	(B) / 10	\$	100,061	(C)
Three Months of Aver	age Monthly Operating Expenses:			
	(C) X 3	\$	300,184	(D)
Net Cash Resource Three Months of Average	ge Monthly Operating Expense	\$	- 300,184_	(A) (D)
Excess Cash Resource		\$	(300,184)	, ,
From above:				
	ash exceeds 3 months average monthly operates ash does not exceed 3 months average monthl			

<sup>\*</sup> Inventories are not to be included in total current assets.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months of expenditures

#### COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND OVER/UNDER CLAIM FEDERAL ENTERPRISE FUND

June 30, 2023

<u>PROGRAM</u>	MEAL <u>CATEGORY</u>	MEALS CLAIMED	MEALS TESTED	MEALS VERIFIED	DIFFERENCE	<u>RATE</u>	POTENTIAL OVER-UNDER <u>CLAIM</u>
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH (HIGH RATE)	FREE	110,747	110,747	110,747	-	4.35	-
(	REDUCED	21,471	21,471	21,471	-	3.95	-
	PAID	36,285	36,285	36,285	-	0.79	-
TOTALS		168,503	168,503	168,503			0
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH	ННГКА	168,503	168,503	168,503	· -	0.08	
SCHOOL BREAKFAST (HIGH RATE)	FREE	47,785	47,785	47,785	-	2.67	-
(	REDUCED	9,596	9,596	9,596	-	2.37	-
	PAID	15,890	15,890	15,890	-	0.50	-
TOTALS		73,271	73,271	73,271			0
AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS	FREE (AREA ELIGIBLE)	8,109	8,109	8,109	-	1.08	-
	REDUCED	-	-	-	-	0.54	-
	PAID	-	-	-	-	0.09	-
	TOTAL	8,109	8,109	8,109	•		
TOTAL NET OVERCLAIM							0.00

# COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND OVER/UNDER CLAIM STATE ENTERPRISE FUND June 30, 2023

<u>PROGRAM</u>	MEAL <u>CATEGORY</u>	MEALS CLAIMED	MEALS TESTED	MEALS VERIFIED	DIFFERENCE	RATE	POTENTIAL OVER-UNDER <u>CLAIM</u>
STATE REIMBURSEMENT	FREE	110,747	110,747	110,747	-	0.07	0
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH	REDUCED	21,471	21,471	21,471	-	0.47	0
(HIGH RATE)	PAID	36,285	36,285	36,285	-	0.06	0
TOTALS		168,503	168,503	168,503			0
STATE REIMBURSEMENT NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST	AFTER THE BELL	73,271	73,271	73,271		0.10	0
STATE REIMBURSEMENT NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST	REDUCED	9,596	9,596	9,596	· ·	0.30	0
TOTAL NET OVERCLAIM							0

## COLLEGE ACHIEVE CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL AUDIT SYNOPSIS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	None
2.	Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
	None
3.	School Purchasing Program
	None
4.	School Food Service
	None
5.	Student Body Activities
	None
6.	Application for State School Aid
	N/A to charter schools.
7.	Charter School Enrollment system (CHE)
	None
8.	Pupil Transportation
	N/A to charter schools.
9.	Facilities and Capital Assets
	None
10.	Miscellaneous
	None
11.	Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations
	There were no prior year findings.

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures