SIGNATURE PREPARATORY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2021

(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Signature Preparatory Henderson, Nevada

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Signature Preparatory (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of Signature Preparatory as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 7 and 24 through 25, and the supplemental pension information on page 26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Signature Preparatory's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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. Such 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 and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has not been audited in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 17, 2021, on our consideration of Signature Preparatory's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Signature Preparatory'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 Signature Preparatory's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Watkins Jackson CPAs November 17, 2021 Las Vegas, Nevada

The Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") serves to introduce the financial reports for the Signature Preparatory ("School"). The MD&A is required as an element of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in Statement No. 34 and subsequent Statements No. 37 and No. 38 governing the presentation of the financial statements, MD&A, and note disclosure for state and local governments. The MD&A is designed to provide an overview of the School's financial activities.

Financial Highlights

- Revenues received in 2021 were \$7,370,266.
- The School's average daily enrollment weighted for the School's first year of operations, which is the basis for the School's proportionate share of the State of Nevada's Distributive School Fund, was 802 for 2021.

Overview of the Financial Statements: This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the School's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (i.e., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

In many government entities, the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges by reporting them as business-type activities. The School has no functions in the business type category resulting in the entire statement representing governmental activities.

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

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. To provide a better understanding of the relationship between the fund statements and government-wide statements, reconciliation is provided between the two statement types.

Proprietary Funds: Proprietary funds are comprised of enterprise funds and internal service funds. As reported previously, the School has no business-type activities to be accounted for in enterprise fund and internal service funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements: The notes provide required disclosure and information necessary to understand the School's activities.

	Government-	Fund Financial Statements				
	Wide Financial	Governmental				
	Statements	Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds		
Scope	Entire School	Activities of the	Activities of the	Instances in which		
	(except fiduciary	School that are not	School that are	the School is the		
	funds)	proprietary or	operated similar to	trustee agent for		
		fiduciary	private business	someone else's		
				resources		
Required	• Statement of net	 Balance Sheet 	• Statement of net	• Statement of		
financial	position	• Statement of	position	fiduciary net		
statements	• Statement of	revenue,	• Statement of	position		
	activities	expenditures,	revenue,	• Statement of		
		and changes in	expenses, and	changes in		
		fund balances	changes in net	fiduciary net		
			position	position		
			• Statement of cash			
			flows			
Accounting basis	Accrual	Modified accrual	Accrual accounting	Accrual accounting		
and measurement	Accounting and	accounting and	and economic	and economic		
focus	economic	current financial	resources focus	resources focus		
	resources focus	resources focus				

Major Features of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Signature Preparatory's Net Position

	FISCAL
	YEAR 2021
Assets	
Current and other assets	\$ 1,506,914
Capital lease	22,116,560
Total assets	23,623,474
Deferred outflows of resources	4,529,626
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	1,544,755
Long-term liabilities	26,498,808
Total liabilities	28,043,563
Deferred inflow of resources	229,381
Net Position	
Unrestricted	(119,844)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (119,844)

Net Position Highlights:

- Current assets includes \$451,836 in cash and \$890,176 in amounts due from governments.
- Current liabilities consists of \$221,431 in general accounts payable and accrued expenses, and \$793,623 in due to related parties representing amounts owed to the School's management company for management fees owed and reimbursement of expenses from startup expenses incurred on behalf of School.
- Long-term liabilities consist of School's the long-term capital lease liability balance of \$21,973,473 and pension liability of \$4,525,335.

	FISCAL YEAR 2021
Revenues	
Program revenues:	
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 1,434,541
General revenues	
State & Local school support taxes	5,935,725
Total revenues	7,370,266
Expenses	
Instruction	
Regular instruction	2,748,832
Special instruction	261,377
Support services	
School administration	1,808,248
Operation and maintenance	644,635
Depreciation and amortization	472,151
Interest	1,153,681
Total expense	7,088,924
Increase (decrease) in net position	281,342
Net position, beginning	(401,186)
Net position, ending	\$(119,844)

Signature Preparatory's Statement of Activities

Statement of Activities Highlights:

• School's federal grant revenue was \$1,173,164.

Budgetary Highlights

The School is required by the State of Nevada Department of Education to adopt a tentative budget by April 15th and a final budget no later than June 8th of each year. During the fiscal year, actual expenses exceeded budgeted amounts by \$397,289.

Revenue Budget Methodology

In order to determine the budget revenue numbers, the school's previous year enrollment is analyzed and then compared to currently completed enrollment forms to create a projected enrollment number for the upcoming year.

Appropriate adjustments are made to the budget based on unanticipated revenue increases or shortfalls due to Federal, State, and Department of Education requirements and/or legislation, lack of contributions, etc.

Economic Factors

The School originally received authorization in 2019 from the Nevada State Board of Education to operate as a grade K-8 school. The School receives a majority of its funding from the State of Nevada Department of Education and the School is dependent on student counts and funding levels from State of Nevada.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Administrator of the Signature Preparatory, 498 S. Boulder Hwy, Henderson, NV 89015, Telephone Number 702-224-2809.

In closing, without the leadership and support of the governing body of the School and its employees, the preparation of this report would not have been possible.

FINANCIAL SECTION

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY STATEMENT OF NET POSITION GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES - GENERAL JUNE 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities	
ASSETS		
Cash	\$	451,836
Due from other governments	Ŷ	890,176
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		58,438
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$23,357		106,464
Capital lease, net of accumulated amortization of \$860,188		22,116,560
		22,110,300
Total assets		23,623,474
Deferred outflows of resources		
Pension contribution		4,529,626
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		25,540
Accrued payroll and benefits		195,891
Due to related party		793,623
Capital lease - current portion		529,701
Capital lease - long-term portion		21,973,473
Net pension liability		4,525,335
Total liabilities		28,043,563
Deferred inflows of resources		
Pension related		229,381
NET POSITION		<u> </u>
		106 464
Investment in capital assets Net deficit unrestricted		106,464
iner deficit unrestricted		(226,308)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	(119,844)

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Functions		Expenses		ges for vices	(Operating Grants and ontributions	R Ch Go	et (Expense) evenues and nanges in Net Position overnmental Activities
Governmental activities	_							
Program instruction	\$	3,176,969	\$	-	\$	1,434,541	\$	(1,742,428)
Support services		2,286,123		-		-		(2,286,123)
Interest expense		1,153,681		-		-		(1,153,681)
Depreciation and amortization		472,151		-		-		(472,151)
Total Charter School	\$	7,088,924	\$		\$	1,434,541	\$	(5,654,383)
		ral revenues						
		stributive school						5,906,215
	Lo	cal aid unrestric						29,510
		Total general re	evenues					5,935,725
	Chan	ge in net positio	n					281,342
	Net d	leficit beginning	of year					(401,186)
	Net d	leficit end of yea	r				\$	(119,844)

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SIGNATURE PREPARATORY BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2021

	General Fund	
ASSETS		1 und
Cash	\$	451,836
Due from other governments	·	890,176
Prepaid expenses		58,438
Total assets	\$	1,400,450
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$	25,540
Accrued payroll and benefits		195,891
Due to related party		793,623
Total current liabilities		1,015,054
FUND BALANCES		
Nonspendable		58,438
Committed		-
Unassigned		326,958
Total fund balance		385,396
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	1,400,450

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2021

Total fund balance - governmental funds		\$ 385,396
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets net of the related depreciation are not reported in the Governmental		
Fund financial statements because they are not current financial resources, but		
they are reported in the statement of net position.		
Capital assets	129,821	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(23,357)	
		106,464
Capital leases net of the related amortization are not reported in the Governmental		
Fund financial statements because they are not current financial resources, but		
they are reported in the statement of net position.		
Capital asset lease	22,976,748	
Less: Accumulated Amortization	(860,188)	
		22,116,560
Capital lease		 (22,503,174)
Deferred outflows/inflows of resources are not current financial resources or liabilities and,		
therefore, not reported in the Governmental Fund financial statements.		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	4,529,626	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	(229,381)	
		4,300,245
Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not		
reported in the Governmental Fund financial statements.		 (4,525,335)
Total net position - governmental activities		\$ (119,844)

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	General		Special Education Revenue Fund		Go	Total overnmental Funds
REVENUE						
Local sources	\$	29,510	\$	-	\$	29,510
State sources		5,906,215		261,377		6,167,592
Federal sources		554,805		-		554,805
Total Revenue		6,490,530		261,377		6,751,907
EXPENDITURES						
Programs instruction						
Salaries		1,867,359		261,377		2,128,736
Benefits		597,923		-		597,923
Purchased services		34,524		-		34,524
Supplies		249,026		-		249,026
Total program expenditures		2,748,832		261,377		3,010,209
Support services						
Administration and staff support		586,610		-		586,610
Administration and staff benefits		270,345		-		270,345
Purchased services		951,293		-		951,293
Capital outlay		129,821		-		129,821
Operating services		2,046,800		-		2,046,800
Total support services		3,984,869				3,984,869
Total expenditures		6,733,701		261,377		6,995,078
Excess of expenditures over revenues		(243,171)		-		(243,171)
FUND BALANCES, beginning of year		628,567		-		628,567
FUND BALANCES, end of year	\$	385,396	\$		\$	385,396

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES TO THE STATEMENT OF REVENUE EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2021

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund	\$ (243,171)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are shown in the net position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense	
in the statement of activities.	129,821
Less current year depreciation and amortization expense	(23,357)
Capital asset lease current year amortization	(448,794)
The issuance of capital leases or long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while repayment of the principal and interest consumes current financial resources of governmental funds. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.	
Note payable	618,359
Capital lease	 473,574
Pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when paid; however, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net Pension expense, which is the change in the net pension liability adjusted for changes in pension liability is measured a year before the school's report date. Outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, is reported in the Statement of Activities.	
Pension expense - difference between actuarially determined liability and actual contributions made	 (225,090)
Change in net position - governmental activities	\$ 281,342

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements of the Signature Preparatory (the "School") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) applicable to government units, with the exception of the criteria mandated by the Nevada Department of Education requiring charter schools to expense all asset purchases under \$5,000. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

<u>Reporting entity</u> – Signature Preparatory is a "charter school", established in 2018 under Nevada Revised Statutes, including but not limited to, NRS 386.500 to 386.610. The School received approval by the Nevada Department of Education to operate as a charter school. The School's major operation is to offer an educational environment where learning is maximized through individual instruction, interdisciplinary projects and access to a full spectrum of technological resources for kindergarten through eighth grade in Southern Nevada.

The School receives funding from state and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding sources. However, the School is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity," as defined in GASB pronouncements, since its Governing Body has decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

<u>Government-wide and fund financial statements</u> – The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all the nonfiduciary activities of the School. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Any interfund activities related to services provided and used between functions are not eliminated. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function.

The major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

<u>Measurement focus and basis of accounting</u> – The term, "basis of accounting," refers to the method used for revenues and expenditure recognition in the accounts and reporting in the financial statements and relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. Under GAAP, all governmental funds are accounted using a modified accrual basis of accounting under which revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Expenditures are recognized generally under the modified accrual basis of accounting in use when the related fund liability is incurred.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported on a consolidated basis and using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide financial statements report information on all activities of the School except for fiduciary activity using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the School gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants and donations. Revenue from grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

1. <u>Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)</u>

Governmental Fund Financial Statements. Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. These could include federal, State, and county grants, and some charges for services. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The School has the following fund categories (further divided by fund type) and account groups:

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is the general operating fund for the School. It is used to account for all financial resources not accounted in other funds.

<u>Special Education Fund</u> – The Special Education Fund is used to account for revenues received and expenditures made to fund the special education program. Financing is provided through the State Public Charter School Authority funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the School funds certain programs by a combination of specific costreimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the School's policy to first apply costreimbursement grant resources to such programs, and then general revenues.

All governmental and business-type activities and enterprise funds of the School follow FASB Accounting Standards Codifications ("ASC"), Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

 \underline{Cash} – The School considers cash equivalents to be those securities with an original maturity of three months or less.

<u>Prepaid expenses and other current assets</u> – Prepaid expenses and other current assets include payments to vendors for services applicable to future accounting periods.

<u>Due from other governments</u> – This account includes amounts due from other governments for per-pupil funding and for grants, which are expected to be received within the subsequent year. The balance as of June 30, 2021 totaled \$890,176. All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

<u>Compensated absences</u> – It is the School's policy to permit employees to accumulate hours of paid time off (PTO); however, accumulated PTO days do not vest under the School's policy, therefore, a liability for unused PTO is not recorded in the financial statements. Unused PTO of up to 5 days or 40 hours is paid out after each year ended June 30. Additional unused hours are forfeited.

<u>Capital assets</u> – The School's capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are listed at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The total of these estimates is not considered large enough that any errors would be material when capital assets are considered as a whole.

1. <u>Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)</u>

It is the policy of the School to capitalize all capital assets costing more than \$5,000 with an estimated useful life of three or more years. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. All depreciable assets are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over the assets' useful lives. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

<u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u> – In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents the consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until that time. The School reflects deferred outflows of resources which are related to pensions reported in the statement of net position under the accrual basis of accounting.

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 future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School reflects deferred inflows of resources which are related to pensions reported in the statement of net position under the accrual basis of accounting.

<u>Pensions</u> – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS's 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.

<u>Use of estimates</u> – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

<u>Net assets/Fund balances</u> – In March 2009, the GASB issued Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund-type definitions. The objective of this statement is to enhance the usefulness of fund balance information by providing clearer fund balance classifications that can be more consistently applied and by clarifying the existing governmental fund-type definitions. This statement establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed on the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. Under this standard, the fund balance classifications of reserved, designated, and unreserved/undesignated were replaced with five new classifications - nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

• Non-spendable fund balance represents amounts that are not in a spendable form. The nonspendable fund balance represents inventories or prepaid items.

• Restricted fund balance represents amounts that are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific purpose (such as debt covenants, grant requirements, donor requirements, or other governments) or are restricted by law (constitutionally or by enabling legislation).

• Committed fund balance represents funds formally set aside by the governing body for a particular purpose. The use of committed funds would be approved by resolution.

• Assigned fund balance represents amounts that are constrained by the expressed intent to use resources for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent can be stipulated by the governing body or by an official to whom that authority has been given by the governing body.

1. <u>Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)</u>

• Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification of the General Fund. Only the General Fund may report a positive unassigned fund balance. Other governmental funds would report any negative residual fund balance as unassigned.

The School has no restricted fund balances at year ended June 30, 2021.

<u>Net position</u> – In the government-wide statements, Net Position on the Statement of Net Position is displayed in three components:

• Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt. This is the component of net position that reports the difference between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt, excluding unexpended proceeds, that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

• Restricted. The component of net position that reports the constraints placed on the use of assets by the external parties such as creditors, grantors, contributors, and/or enabling legislation.

• Unrestricted. All other net positions that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

<u>Expenditure line items</u> – The statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, as well as the statement of activities summarize current expenditure data by major program classifications pursuant to the provisions of *Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems* as adopted by the Nevada Department of Education. Below is a brief description of these expenditure classifications.

• Regular programs consist of activities designed to provide elementary and secondary students with learning experiences to prepare them as citizens, family members, and non-vocational workers.

• Special programs consist of activities designed primarily to deal with students having special needs. The special programs include kindergarten and elementary services for the gifted and talented, mentally challenged, physically handicapped, emotionally disturbed, culturally different, learning disabled, bilingual, and special programs for other types of students.

• Support services represent all charges not readily assignable directly to a program. Student and instructional staff support as well as the overall general and administrative costs of the School are classified as support services. Also included in this line item are costs of operating, maintaining and constructing the physical facilities of the School.

<u>Advertising costs</u> – All costs associated with advertising and promotions are expensed in the year incurred.

Income taxes – The School is exempt from federal income taxes as a governmental entity.

2. Compliance with Nevada revised statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code

<u>Budgetary information</u> – The School is required by the State of Nevada Department of Education (Department) under NRS 386.550(n) and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 387.725 to adopt a tentative budget by April 15th and a final budget no later than June 8 of each year under NAC 386.370, but is not required by the Department to augment the budget during the year. Further, the School is not required under NRS 386.550 to adopt a final budget pursuant to NRS 354.598 or otherwise comply with any provisions of Chapter 354 of the NRS. In essence, augmentation of the School's budget is neither required nor prohibited. The School did not augment its budget. The original and final budgets are presented in the Budgetary Comparison schedules.

Excess of Actual Expenditures over Budget Appropriations

Total budget appropriations exceeded actual expenditures in total for the general fund as noted below.

	Actual	Budget	Variance
General Fund	\$ 6,733,701	\$ 6,336,412	\$ 397,289

See attached schedule of budget versus actual for detail.

3. <u>Cash</u>

The School maintains cash balances at two financial institutions with accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. As of June 30, 2021, total uninsured cash balances totaled \$282,414, none of which was collateralized. The School has not suffered any losses in these accounts. The School has no policy for interest rate, credit, or custodial risk.

4. <u>Capital lease</u>

<u>Related party capital lease</u> – On August 23, 2018, the School entered into a capital lease agreement for the use of a building and related property with an entity whose ownership was affiliated with the school's Management Company during the year ended June 30, 2020. The lease began on August 7, 2019 and with a security deposit of \$48,000. The lease has a term of 240 months. The School was not required to make lease payments during the first year of operation, which was the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The School began making monthly payments starting July 1, 2020. The School's beginning monthly base lease payment is \$135,201, with annual increases of 2% through the maturity date of June 30, 2040. Beginning with the 36th month of the lease term the School is required to maintain in a bank account jointly held by the lessor and the School and make monthly payments of an amount equal to 1% of the monthly base rent into the account for the upkeep of the premises. Beginning with the 48th month of the lease term the amount is to be increased to 2%. The maximum account balance required is capped at \$100,000 at point the monthly payments would not be required.

The lease contains an Option to Purchase Fee Title to Premises beginning after the 18th month of the lease term. The purchase price would be a percentage of the total development costs of \$18,026,790. The percentage would be 120% between the 19th and 31st month anniversary of issuance of the certificate of occupancy. Increasing to 122% between the 32nd and 44th months and 124% between the 45th and 57th months.

5. <u>Capital lease</u>

The future minimum lease payments are reflected in the schedule below:

Years Ending June 30,	Amount	
2022	\$	1,654,859
2023		1,687,956
2024		1,721,716
2025		1,756,150
2026		1,791,273
Thereafter		27,019,374
Total minimum lease payments		35,631,328
Less: amount representing interest		(13,128,154)
Present value of minimum lease payments		22,503,174
Less: current portion of capital lease		(529,701)
Capital lease, less current portion	\$	21,973,473

Capital lease consists of land, building and improvements of \$22,976,748, less accumulated amortization of \$860,188 included in depreciation and amortization expense.

6. <u>Operating lease</u>

The School entered into a lease agreement in July 2019, to lease office equipment for a period of 60 months, expiring in June 2024.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows for the years ended June 30:

2022 2023 2024	\$	16,897 16,897 16,897
	<u>\$</u>	50,691

7. <u>Related parties</u>

Management agreement

The School entered into a Charter School Services and Support Agreement with Charter One, LLC (the Management Company), effective July 1, 2019. The Management Company was to provide management and administrative services to the School. Services include, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting and financial reporting. Under the terms of the management agreement, the School agrees to pay a fee of \$760 per full time equivalent (FTE) student per year. The School had \$562,313 in expenses for these services during the year ended June 30, 2021.

Due to related parties

The School has amounts due to the Management Company totaling \$793,623 as of June 30, 2021. Included in the balance due are management fees of \$403,313, startup costs of \$265,500 and supplies reimbursements of \$124,810. There are no associated terms applicable with the amounts.

8. Defined benefit pension plan

The School is a public employer participating in the Public Employees Retirement System of the State of Nevada (PERS), a defined benefit cost-sharing multiple-employer program, and all full-time teachers are covered under the system.

Benefits Provided

Benefits, as required by the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS or statute), are determined by the number of years of accredited service at time of retirement and the member's highest average compensation in any thirty-six consecutive months with special provisions for members entering the System on or after January 1, 2010, and July 1, 2015. Benefit Payments to which participants or their beneficiaries may be entitled under the plan include pension benefits, disability benefits, and survivor benefits.

Monthly benefit allowances for members are computed as 2.5% of average compensation for each accredited year of service prior to July 1, 2001. For service earned on and after July 1, 2001, this factor is 2.67% of average compensation. For members entering the System on or after January 1, 2010, there is a 2.5% service time factor and for regular members entering the System on or after July 1, 2015, there is a 2.25% factor. The System offers several alternatives to the unmodified service retirement allowance which, in general, allow the retired employee to accept a reduced service retirement allowance payable monthly during his or her lifetime and various optional monthly payments to a named beneficiary after his or her death. Post-retirement increases are provided by authority of NRS 286.575 - .579.

Vesting

Regular members entering the System prior to January 1, 2010, are eligible for retirement at age 65 with five years of service, at age 60 with 10 years of service, or at any age with 30 years of service. Regular members entering the System on or after January 1, 2010, are eligible for retirement at age 65 with 5 years of Public Employees' Retirement System of Nevada service, or age 62 with 10 years of service, or any age with 30 years of service. Regular members who entered the System on or after July 1, 2015, are eligible for retirement at age 65 with 5 years of service, or at age 62 with 10 years of service or at age 55 with 30 years of service or any age with 33 1/3 years of service.

The normal ceiling limitation on monthly benefits allowances is 75% of average compensation. However, a member who has an effective date of membership before July 1, 1985, is entitled to a benefit of up to 90% of average compensation. Members become fully vested as to benefits upon completion of five years of service.

Contributions

The authority for establishing and amending the obligation to make contributions and member contribution rates, is set by stature. New hires, in agencies which did not elect the Employer-Pay Contribution (EPC) plan prior to July 1, 1983, have the option of selecting one of two contribution plans. In one plan, contributions are shared equally by employer and employee. In the other plan, employees can take a reduced salary and have contributions made by the employer (EPC).

The Systems basic funding policy provides for periodic contributions at a level pattern of cost as a percentage of salary throughout an employee's working lifetime in order to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due.

The System receives an actuarial valuation on an annual basis indicating the contribution rates required to fund the System on an actuarial reserve basis. Contributions made are in accordance with the required rates established by the Nevada Legislature. These statutory rates are increased/decreased pursuant to NRS 286.421 and 286.450.

8. <u>Defined benefit pension plan (continued)</u>

The actuarial funding method used is the Entry Age Normal Cost Method. It is intended to meet the funding objective and results in a relatively level long-term contribution requirement as a percentage of salary. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, the Statutory Employer/Employee matching rate was 15.25% for Regular employees. The Employer-pay contribution (EPC) rate was 29.25% for Regular employers.

Investment Policy

The System policies which determine the investment portfolio target asset allocation are established by the PERS Board. The asset allocation is reviewed annually and is designed to meet the future risk and return needs of the System.

The following was the PERS Board adopted policy target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020:

		Long-Term Geometric
	Target	Expected Real Rate of
Asset Class	Allocation	Return
U.S. stocks	42%	5.50%
International stocks	18%	5.50%
U.S. bonds	28%	0.75%
Private markets	12%	6.65%

As of June 30, 2020, PERS' long-term inflation assumption was 2.75%.

Net Pension Liability

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School's allocation percentage of the net pension liability was based on the total contributions due on wages paid during the measurement period. Each employer's proportion of the net pension liability is based on their employer contributions relative to the total employer contributions for all employers for the year ended June 30, 2020. At July 1, 2020, the School's proportion was 0.03249%.

Pension Liability Discount Rate Sensitivity

The following presents the net pension liability of the School as of June 30, 2020, calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the School's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage- point higher (8.50%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease in		1% Increase in
	Discount Rate	Discount	Discount Rate
	(6.50%)	Rate (7.50%)	(8.50%)
Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,057,774	\$ 4,525,335	\$ 2,419,800

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the PERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, available on the PERS website.

8. <u>Defined benefit pension plan (continued)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The System's net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The total pension liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation Rate	2.75%
Productivity Pay Increase	0.50%
Projected Salary Increases Regular:	4.25% to 9.15%, depending on service
	Rates include inflation and productivity increases
Investment Rate of Return	7.50%
Other Assumptions	Same as those used in the June 30, 2020 funding actuarial valuation.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of the experience study for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2016.

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50% as of June 30, 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan contributions will be made in amounts consistent with statutory provisions and recognizing the plan's current funding policy and cost-sharing mechanism between employers and members. For this purpose, all contributions that are intended to fund benefits for all plan members and their beneficiaries are included, except that projected contributions that are intended to fund the service costs for future plan members and their beneficiaries and their beneficiaries are not included.

Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2020 (Measurement Date), the School recognized pension expense of \$1,115,641. As of June 30, 2021, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred	Deferred
	Outflows of	Inflows of
	Resources	Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 140,599	\$ 58,433
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan		
investments	-	170,948
Changes of assumptions	127,112	-
Changes in proportion	3,685,135	-
School contributions subsequent to the measurement date	576,780	-
Total	\$ 4,529,626	\$ 229,381

8. Defined benefit pension plan (continued)

The \$576,780 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2021.

The average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the System (active and inactive employees) is 6.13 years.

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

Year	Amount
2022	\$ 37,419
2023	37,419
2024	37,419
2025	37,419
2026	37,419
2027	37,419
2028	4,867
	\$ 229,381

Reconciliation of Net Pension Liability

	 Amount
Beginning Net Pension Liability	\$ -
Pension Expense	1,115,641
Employer Contributions	(313,771)
Change in Deferred Outflows	3,952,846
Change in Deferred Inflows	 (229,381)
Ending Net Pension Liability	\$ 4,525,335

Additional information is located in the PERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), available on the PERS' website at <u>www.nvpers.org</u> under Quick Links - Publications. The report may also be obtained by calling 775-687-4200.

9. <u>Compliance with Nevada revised statutes and Nevada Administrative code</u>

The School conformed to all significant statutory constraints on the financial administration during the fiscal year.

10. Economic concentrations and other factors

Future economic and other factors may adversely affect the School's revenues and expenses. Among the factors that could have such adverse effects are: decreases in the number of students seeking to attend the School at optimum levels for each grade level; decreases in the level of payments from the State of Nevada or other student enrollment-based funding by the federal government; decline in the ability of the School and its management to provide education desired and accepted by the population served; competition from other educational institutions, private schools, and public schools.

11. <u>Subsequent events</u>

In October 2021, the School entered into an education revenue bond issue, issued by the Public Finance Authority to finance the purchase of the School's building and campus facilities. The bonds are secured by a loan agreement dated October 1, 2021 and a deed of trust on the School's campus.

Payments commence on November 1, 2021 and are paid to the trustee and placed in a restricted fund until bond interest and principal payments are due. Interest payments are paid semi-annually on December 15th and June 15th and principal payments are made annually on June 15th beginning in June 2024.

Se	eries	Date Issued	Cusip	Maturity	Amount		Int Rate
A-1		October 14, 2021	74442EHA1	June 15,2031	\$	1,440,000	5.00%
A-2		October 14, 2021	74442EHB9	June 15,2041	\$	5,945,000	5.00%
A-3		October 14, 2021	74442EHC7	June 15,2051	\$	9,685,000	5.00%
A-4		October 14, 2021	74442EHD5	June 15,2056	\$	6,930,000	5.00%
B-1		October 14, 2021	74442EHE3	June 15,2028	\$	1,600,000	5.375%
					\$	25,600,000	

Principal payments commence in 2024. The initial 5 year principal payment schedule is as follows:

Year	Princpal
2024	\$ 315,000
2025	330,000
2026	350,000
2027	370,000
2028	385,000
Thereafter	23,850,000
	\$ 25,600,000

The School has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued.

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND (GAAP BASIS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Actual FY 2021	Original Final Budget Budget		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
REVENUES					
Revenue-State Sources	\$ 5,906,215	\$ 6,054,200	\$ 6,054,200	\$ (147,985)	
Revenue from Local Sources	29,510	120,000	120,000	(90,490)	
Revenue from Federal Sources	554,805	250,000	250,000	304,805	
TOTAL REVENUES	6,490,530	6,424,200	6,424,200	66,330	
EXPENDITURES					
Personnel Services	3,322,237	3,444,777	3,267,033	(55,204)	
Purchased Services	985,817	820,000	897,744	(88,073)	
Supplies	249,026	245,500	397,135	148,109	
Operating services	2,046,800	1,774,500	1,774,500	(272,300)	
Capital Outlay	129,821	-	-	(129,821)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,733,701	6,284,777	6,336,412	(397,289)	
TOTAL REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(243,171)	139,423	87,788	(330,959)	
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	628,567				
FUND BALANCE, end of year	\$ 385,396				

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL SPECIAL EDUCATION REVENUE FUND (GAAP BASIS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

		Actual Original FY 2021 Budget		-	-		Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)		
REVENUES									
	Revenue-State Sources	\$	261,377	\$	60,000	\$	60,000	\$	201,377
TOTAL REVENUES	S		261,377		60,000		60,000		201,377
EXPENDITURES									
	Personnel Services		261,377		-		-		261,377
	Purchased Services		-		120,000		120,000		(120,000)
TOTAL EXPENDIT	URES		261,377		120,000		120,000		141,377
TOTAL EXPENDIT	URES OVER REVENUES	\$	-	\$	(60,000)	\$	(60,000)	\$	60,000

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

SCHEDULE OF SIGNATURE PREPARATORY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NEVADA LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS*

	 2021
School's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.03849%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 4,525,335
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,722,964
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	166.192%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	77.0400%

*The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 7/1.

GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, SP will present information for those years for which information is available.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF NEVADA LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS*

	2021	2020	
Contractually required contribution	\$ 576,780	\$	454,553
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	 (576,780)		(454,553)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 	\$	-
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,722,964	\$	2,312,459
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	21.18206%		19.65669%

GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, SP will present information for those years for which information is available.

SIGNATURE PREPARATORY Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the year ended June 30, 2021

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Passed through Arizona Department of Education			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	\$ 153,160
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			153,160
U.S. Department of Treasury			
Passed through Nevada Department of Education			
Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	N/A	\$ 46,393
Total U.S. Department of Treasury			46,393
U.S. Department of Education			
Passed through Nevada Department of Education			
Title I, Part A - Grants to Local Education Agencies	84.010	N/A	210,050
Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	N/A	28,866
Title IV - Student Support & Academic Enrichment	84.424	N/A	570
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Basic	84.027	N/A	66,836
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Extended School Year	84.027	N/A	10,791
Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES)	84.425D	N/A	61,762
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund-SPCSA	84.425D	N/A	7,852
Total U.S. Department of Education			386,727
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 586,280



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

Members of the Board Signature Preparatory Henderson, Nevada

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Signature Preparatory (the School), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Signature Preparatory's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Watkins Jackson CPAs November 17, 2021 Las Vegas, Nevada