

**BRONX CHARTER SCHOOL FOR BETTER LEARNING**

**BRONX, NEW YORK**

**SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY**  
**GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS AND**  
**THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

**AND**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS**

**JUNE 30, 2023**



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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*

Board of Trustees  
Bronx Charter School for Better Learning

We 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, the financial statements of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2023.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Bronx Charter School for Better Learning’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Bronx Charter School for Better Learning’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning’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 Bronx Charter School for Better Learning's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Mengel, Metzger, Baw & Co. LLP*

Rochester, New York  
October 30, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM;  
REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF  
EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Trustees  
Bronx Charter School for Better Learning

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Bronx Charter School for Better Learning’s compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning’s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Bronx Charter School for Better Learning’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Bronx Charter School for Better Learning complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning’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 Bronx Charter School for Better Learning's federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Bronx Charter School for Better Learning's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance 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 Bronx Charter School for Better Learning's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Bronx Charter School for Better Learning's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning'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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

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

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

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

### **Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2023, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the 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 financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Mengel, Metzger, Baw & Co. LLP*

Rochester, New York  
October 30, 2023

BRONX CHARTER SCHOOL FOR BETTER LEARNING

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>Federal AL Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Grantor's Number</u>	<u>Total Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Education:			
<u>Passed through New York State Education Department:</u>			
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021	\$ 513,036
Title IIA - Improving Teacher Quality	84.367	0147	58,579
Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204	40,089
<u>Education Stabilization Funds -</u>			
ESSER II - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5891	443,076
ARP ESSER - American Rescue Plan-Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	84.425U	5880	517,716
ARP ESSER HCY - American Rescue Plan-Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W	5218	<u>2,548</u>
<i>Total Education Stabilization Funds</i>			<u>963,340</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			<u>1,575,044</u>
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS			<u>\$ 1,575,044</u>

NOTE A: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The above schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Bronx Charter School for Better Learning and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE B: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Bronx Charter School for Better Learning has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimus indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.



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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

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Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified		
Internal control over financial reporting:			
• Material weakness (es) identified?	_____	yes	<u>  x  </u> no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____	yes	<u>  x  </u> none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____	yes	<u>  x  </u> no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:			
• Material weakness (es) identified?	_____	yes	<u>  x  </u> no
• Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	_____	yes	<u>  x  </u> none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified		
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	_____	yes	<u>  x  </u> no

Identification of major program:

*AL Number:*

84.425D, 84.425U & 84.425W

*Name of Federal Program or Cluster:*

ESSER II, ARP ESSER & ARP ESSER HCY

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

  \$750,000  

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	<u>  x  </u>	yes	_____	no
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, Cont'd

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None.

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None.