

**THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**June 30, 2023**

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Board of Directors  
The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.  
Westminster, Colorado

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### Report on the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund, of The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc. (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc. as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows, thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in The United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Academy of Charter Schools, Inc. and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures of the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required budgetary and pension information on pages 44-48 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's 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 do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) is presented for purposes of additional analysis 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 are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 13, 2023, on our consideration of the Academy'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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*John Luthr & Associates, LLC*

October 13, 2023

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2023

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 10,976,402	\$ 8,458,075
Restricted Cash and Investments	1,283,180	1,278,032
Accounts Receivable	756,170	1,275,739
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	4,120,406	4,120,406
Capital Assets, Depreciated, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>20,056,552</u>	<u>20,233,711</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>37,192,710</u>	<u>35,365,963</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Related to OPEB Liability	162,991	135,898
Related to Pensions	4,651,340	2,803,808
Gain on Refunding of Bond	<u>1,054,738</u>	<u>1,116,781</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>5,869,069</u>	<u>4,056,487</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	935,381	707,181
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	897,683	862,167
Unearned Revenue	109,233	90,146
Accrued Interest Payable	2,355	2,355
Compensated Absences	42,914	42,396
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Due Within One Year	1,137,000	1,093,000
Due in More Than One Year	26,023,000	27,160,000
OPEB Liability	762,302	800,226
Pension Liability	<u>22,375,192</u>	<u>16,540,314</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>52,285,060</u>	<u>47,297,785</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Related to OPEB Liability	271,788	286,800
Related to Pensions	<u>3,844,803</u>	<u>9,111,725</u>
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>4,116,591</u>	<u>9,398,525</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Investment in Capital Assets	(1,699,862)	(2,620,851)
Restricted for Emergencies	666,098	570,787
Unrestricted	<u>(12,306,108)</u>	<u>(15,223,796)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ (13,339,872)</u>	<u>\$ (17,273,860)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	PROGRAM REVENUES			Net Expense (Revenue) and Changes in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	
					2023	2022
<b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>						
Governmental Activities						
Instruction	\$ 10,574,072	\$ 837,224	\$ 1,284,533	\$ -	\$ (8,452,315)	\$ (2,069,535)
Supporting Services	9,526,416	1,996,812	-	664,925	(6,864,679)	(4,301,252)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	1,082,062	-	-	-	(1,082,062)	(1,123,834)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 21,182,550</u>	<u>\$ 2,834,036</u>	<u>\$ 1,284,533</u>	<u>\$ 664,925</u>	<u>(16,399,056)</u>	<u>(7,494,621)</u>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>						
Per Pupil Revenue					17,077,209	16,094,953
Mill Levy Revenue					1,702,643	844,257
Investment Earnings					147,429	7,879
Other					812,029	200,295
Unrestricted State Aid					593,734	406,653
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES					<u>20,333,044</u>	<u>17,554,037</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION					3,933,988	10,059,416
NET POSITION, Beginning					<u>(17,273,860)</u>	<u>(27,333,276)</u>
NET POSITION, Ending					<u>\$ (13,339,872)</u>	<u>\$ (17,273,860)</u>

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THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

BALANCE SHEET  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2023

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Investments	\$ 10,976,402	\$ 8,458,075
Accounts Receivable	756,170	1,275,739
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 11,732,572</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 9,733,814</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 935,381	\$ 707,181
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	897,683	862,167
Unearned Revenue	109,233	90,146
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>1,942,297</u>	<u>1,659,494</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
Restricted for Emergencies	666,098	570,787
Unassigned	9,124,177	7,503,533
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	9,790,275	8,074,320
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	817,852	396,301
Long-term liabilities and related assets related to pensions and OPEB are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds. This liability includes net pension liability (\$22,375,192), OPEB liability (\$762,302), deferred outflows related to pensions and OPEB \$4,814,331, deferred inflows related to pensions and OPEB (\$4,116,591), and compensated absences (\$42,914).	(22,482,668)	(23,841,755)
Internal service funds are used by management to charge the lease costs to governmental funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in the governmental activities in the statement of net position.	<u>(1,465,331)</u>	<u>(1,902,726)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><b>\$ (13,339,872)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (17,273,860)</b></u>

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THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
REVENUES		
Local Sources	\$ 22,083,270	\$ 18,860,311
State and Federal Sources	<u>2,433,433</u>	<u>3,805,655</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>24,516,703</u>	<u>22,665,966</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Instruction	11,063,712	9,844,780
Supporting Services	<u>11,737,436</u>	<u>10,075,592</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>22,801,148</u>	<u>19,920,372</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>1,715,555</u>	<u>2,745,594</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers In	<u>400</u>	<u>24,000</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>400</u>	<u>24,000</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,715,955	2,769,594
FUND BALANCES, Beginning	<u>8,074,320</u>	<u>5,304,726</u>
FUND BALANCES, Ending	<u><u>\$ 9,790,275</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,074,320</u></u>

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THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,715,955
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 statement of net position and allocated over their estimated useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount of capital outlay, \$468,200, that exceeded depreciation expense, (\$46,649) for the year.	421,551
The Internal Service fund is used by management to charge the cost of lease payments to the governmental funds. The net revenue of the internal service fund is reported with the governmental activities.	437,395
Deferred Charges related to pensions and OPEB are not recognized in the governmental funds. However, in the government-wide statements these amounts are capitalized and amortized.	<u>1,359,605</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 3,933,988</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
 June 30, 2023

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>	
	<u>Internal Service Fund</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted Cash and Investments	1,283,180	1,278,032
Total Current Assets	<u>1,283,180</u>	<u>1,278,032</u>
Long-term Assets		
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	23,359,106	23,957,816
Gain on Refunding of Debt	1,054,738	1,116,781
Total Long-term Assets	<u>24,413,844</u>	<u>25,074,597</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>25,697,024</u>	<u>26,352,629</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Interest Payable	2,355	2,355
Mortgage Payable - Current Portion	1,137,000	1,093,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,139,355</u>	<u>1,095,355</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Mortgage Payable	26,023,000	27,160,000
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>27,162,355</u>	<u>28,255,355</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u>(1,465,331)</u>	<u>(1,902,726)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u>\$ (1,465,331)</u>	<u>\$ (1,902,726)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>	
	<u>Internal Service Fund</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Rent	\$ 2,174,759	\$ 2,176,665
Investment Income	6,101	462
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2,180,860</u>	<u>2,177,127</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Purchased Services	14,284	250
Depreciation	584,676	584,676
Amortization	62,043	62,043
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>661,003</u>	<u>646,969</u>
OPERATING INCOME	<u>1,519,857</u>	<u>1,530,158</u>
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES		
Interest Expense	(1,082,062)	(1,123,834)
Transfer to General Fund	(400)	(24,000)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>(1,082,462)</u>	<u>(1,147,834)</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	437,395	382,324
NET POSITION, Beginning	<u>(1,902,726)</u>	<u>(2,285,050)</u>
NET POSITION, Ending	<u>\$ (1,465,331)</u>	<u>\$ (1,902,726)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
 PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES  
 Year Ended June 30, 2023  
 Increase (Decrease) in Cash

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	
	Internal Service Fund	
	2023	2022
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash Received from Rental Operations	\$ 2,174,759	\$ 2,176,665
Cash Paid to Suppliers	(250)	(250)
Investment Income	6,101	462
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>2,180,610</u>	<u>2,176,877</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interest Expense	(1,082,062)	(1,123,834)
Principal Payments on Loan	(1,093,000)	(1,052,000)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>(2,175,062)</u>	<u>(2,175,834)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Transfer to General Fund	<u>(400)</u>	<u>(24,000)</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH	5,148	(22,957)
CASH, Beginning	<u>1,278,032</u>	<u>1,300,989</u>
CASH, Ending	<u>\$ 1,283,180</u>	<u>\$ 1,278,032</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Operating Income	<u>\$ 1,519,857</u>	<u>\$ 1,530,158</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities		
Depreciation Expense	584,676	584,676
Amortization Expense	76,077	62,043
Total Adjustments	<u>660,753</u>	<u>646,719</u>
Net Cash (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 2,180,610</u>	<u>\$ 2,176,877</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc. (the “Academy”) was formed in 1994 pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act to form and operate a charter school. The accounting policies of the Academy conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Following is a summary of the more significant policies.

**Reporting Entity**

The financial reporting entity consists of the Academy and organizations for which the Academy is financially accountable. All funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that are not legally separate are part of the Academy. In addition, any legally separate organizations for which the Academy is financially accountable are considered part of the reporting entity. Financial accountability exists if the Academy appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and is able to impose its will on the organization, or if the organization provides benefits to, or imposes financial burdens on the Academy.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the following organization is included in the Academy’s reporting entity.

The Academy of Charter Schools Building Corporation

The purpose of the Corporation is to provide a mechanism to issue and pay debt on behalf of the Academy. The Corporation is considered to be part of the Academy for financial reporting purposes because its resources are entirely for the direct benefit of the Academy and is blended into the Academy’s financial statements as an internal service fund. As part of its ongoing responsibilities, the Corporation provides the Academy with monthly financial statements. Separate financial statements are not available.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Academy. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported in a single column.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements** (Continued)

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of the given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to students or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Unrestricted intergovernmental revenues not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period, not to exceed 60 days. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

Intergovernmental revenues, grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Academy.



THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**  
(Continued)

Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

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

The Academy reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund* – This fund is the general operating fund of the Academy. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Additionally, the Academy reports the following fund types:

The *Internal Service Fund* is used to account for activity of the Building Corporation.

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position and balance sheets will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows or resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflow of resources, represents a consumption of net position and fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and balance sheets will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows or resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflow of resources, represents an acquisition of net position and fund balance that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2023

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position**

*Investments* – Investments are recorded at fair value.

*Receivables* – Receivables are reported at their gross value, and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectable.

*Capital Assets* – Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Depreciation has been provided over the following estimated useful lives of the capital assets using the straight-line method: buildings 20 - 50 years, furniture and equipment 5 to 25 years.

*Long Term Obligations* - In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund type in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

*Compensated Absences* – Eligible employees earn vacation time up to 160 hours per year depending on their length of service to the Academy. Employees may carry over up to 80 hours to the next contract year. Any unused vacation time in excess of 80 hours will be paid to the employee in August of each year.

*Net Position*– The government-wide and business-type fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

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NOTE 1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

- Investment in Capital Assets is intended to reflect the portion of net position which are associated with non-liquid, capital assets less outstanding capital asset related debt. The net related debt is the debt less the outstanding liquid assets and any associated unamortized cost.
- Restricted Net Position are liquid assets, which have third party limitations on their use.
- Unrestricted Net Position represents assets that do not have any third party limitation on their use. While Academy management may have categorized and segmented portion for various purposes, the Academy Board has the unrestricted right to revisit or alter these managerial decisions.

*Fund Balance Classification* – The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the Academy is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in a spendable form (such as inventories and prepaid amounts) or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Academy does not report any fund balances as nonspendable as of June 30, 2023.
- Restricted – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Academy has classified Emergency Reserves as being restricted because their use is restricted by State Statute for declared emergencies.
- Committed – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (ordinance or resolution) that was employed when the funds were initially committed.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** (Continued)

**Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position** (Continued)

This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Academy did not have any committed resources as of June 30, 2021.

- Unassigned – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The Unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The Academy would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned fund balances.

**Risk Management**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Academy carries commercial insurance for these risks of loss. Settled claims have not exceeded any coverages in the last three years.

**Comparative Data**

Comparative total data for the prior year has been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Academy's financial position and operations. However, complete comparative data in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles has not been presented since its inclusion would make the financial statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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**NOTE 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

A budget is adopted for the General Fund on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Management submits to the Board of Directors a proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget is adopted by the Board of Directors prior to June 30. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Revisions must be approved by the Board of Directors. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. All appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and Investments at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following:

Deposits	\$ 6,915,986
Investments	<u>5,343,597</u>
Total	<b><u>\$ 12,259,582</u></b>

**Deposits**

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. At June 30, 2023, State regulatory commissioners have indicated that all financial institutions holding deposits for the Academy are eligible public depositories. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held.

The pool is to be maintained by another institution, or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits. The Academy has no policy regarding custodial credit risk for deposits.

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**NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

**Deposits (Continued)**

At June 30, 2023, the Academy had deposits with financial institutions with a carrying amount of \$6,915,986. The bank balances with the financial institutions were \$7,257,504. Of these balances \$250,000 were covered by federal depository insurance and \$7,007,504 were covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the financial institutions name (PDPA).

**Investments**

Interest Rate Risk

The Academy does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

Colorado statutes specify in which instruments the units of local government may invest which includes:

- Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agency securities
- General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities
- Local government investment pools
- Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities
- Certain money market funds
- Guaranteed investment contracts

The above investments are authorized for all funds and fund types used by Colorado municipalities.

Local Government Investment Pool

The Academy had invested \$4,060,416 in the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE) an investment vehicle established for local government entities in Colorado pursuant to Title 24, Article 75, Part 7 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, to pool surplus funds for investment purposes. The State Securities Commissioner administers and enforces the requirements of creating and operating the Pools. CSAFE reports its underlying investments at amortized cost and is considered a qualifying external investment pool under GASB Statement 79. CSAFE operates similar to money market funds where each share is equal in value to \$1.00. The fair value of the position in the pools is the same as the value of the pooled shares.

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**NOTE 3:** *CASH AND INVESTMENTS* (Continued)

**Investments** (Continued)

Local Government Investment Pool (Continued)

CSAFE is rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's. The designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. Substantially all securities are owned by the pools and held by the Federal Reserve Bank in the account maintained for the custodial bank. The custodian's internal records identify the investments owned by the pools. Investments of the pools comply with state statutes, consisting of U.S. Treasury bills, notes and note strips, repurchase agreements, U.S. Instrumentalities, Commercial Paper, Bank Deposits and Money Market Funds. CSAFE does not have any limitations or restrictions on participant withdrawals.

**Fair Value**

The Academy categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant observable inputs.

At June 30, 2023, the Academy held investments in government agency mutual funds in the amount of \$1,283,180 with maturity dates of less than one year and rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Given the low risk of this type of investment, the Academy has not established a policy limiting the amount of investments in this type of security and deems it unnecessary at this time. These investments are valued with Level 1 inputs.

**Restricted Cash**

Cash in the amount of \$1,283,180 is restricted for debt service in the Internal Service Fund.

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**NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital Assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 is summarized below.

	Balance <u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2023</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated				
Land	\$ 4,120,406	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,120,406
Total Capital Assets, Not Depreciated	<u>4,120,406</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,120,406</u>
Capital Assets, Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	28,547,763	391,663	86,362	28,853,064
Equipment	<u>696,934</u>	<u>76,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>773,471</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciated	<u>29,244,697</u>	<u>468,200</u>	<u>86,362</u>	<u>29,626,535</u>
Accumulated Depreciation				
Building	8,593,489	587,633	72,328	9,108,794
Equipment	<u>417,497</u>	<u>43,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>461,189</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>9,010,986</u>	<u>631,325</u>	<u>72,328</u>	<u>9,569,983</u>
Net Capital Assets, Depreciated	<u>20,233,711</u>	<u>(163,125)</u>	<u>14,034</u>	<u>20,056,552</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 24,354,117</u>	<u>\$ (163,125)</u>	<u>\$ 14,034</u>	<u>\$ 24,176,958</u>

Depreciation has been charged to the Supporting Services program of the Academy.

**NOTE 5: ACCRUED SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

Salaries and retirement benefits of certain contractually employed personnel are paid over a twelve-month period from August to July but are earned during a school year of nine months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, as of June 30, 2023, were \$897,683 in the General Fund.



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**NOTE 6: LONG-TERM DEBT**

Following is a summary of the Academy's long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance <u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Payments</u>	Balance <u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Due In One Year</u>
2020 Bonds Payable	\$ 28,253,000	\$ -	\$ 1,093,000	\$ 27,160,000	\$ 1,137,000
Compensated Absences	<u>42,396</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,914</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<b><u>\$28,295,396</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 518</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,093,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$27,202,914</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,137,000</u></b>

**2020 Bonds Payable**

In May 2020, the Colorado Educational and Facilities Authority (CECFA) issued \$20,660,000 Charter School Revenue Bonds, Series 2020A and \$8,795,000 in Charter School Revenue Bonds, Series 2020B. Proceeds from the bonds were used to refund bonds from 2004, 2008, and 2010 that allowed the Academy to purchase land and construct an additional educational facility. The Academy is required to make lease payments to the Building Corporation for the use of the building. The Building Corporation is required to make equal lease payments to the Trustee, for payment of the bonds. Interest accrues at a rate of 3.9% per year. Principal and Interest payments are due monthly on the first day of each month. Series 2020A Bonds maturing on or after June 15, 2040. Series 2020B Bonds maturing on or after June 30, 2041 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption beginning June 1, 2020. The lease matures in November, 2040.

Future debt service requirements are as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 1,137,000	\$ 1,038,661	\$ 2,175,661
2025	1,182,000	993,512	2,175,512
2026	1,230,000	946,537	2,176,537
2027	1,279,000	897,702	2,176,702
2028	1,330,000	846,878	2,176,878
2029-2033	7,491,000	3,398,628	10,889,628
2034-2038	9,115,000	1,786,961	10,901,961
2039-2041	<u>4,396,000</u>	<u>196,128</u>	<u>4,592,128</u>
Total	<b><u>\$ 27,160,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,105,007</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 37,265,007</u></b>

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Pensions.* The School participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. 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.

**General Information about the Pension Plan**

Plan description. Eligible employees of the School are provided with pensions through the SCHDTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly.

PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

Benefits provided as of December 31, 2022. PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. § 24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100% match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the Denver Public Schools (DPS) benefit structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5% and then multiplied by years of service credit.
- \$15 times the first 10 years of service credit plus \$20 times service credit over 10 years plus a monthly amount equal to the annuitized member contribution account balance based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100% of highest average salary and cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50% or 100% on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Upon meeting certain criteria, benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit generally receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Subject to the automatic adjustment provision (AAP) under C.R.S. § 24-51-413, eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership before January 1, 2007, and all eligible benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure will receive the maximum annual increase (AI) or AI cap of 1.00% unless adjusted by the AAP. Eligible benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began membership on or after January 1, 2007, will receive the lesser of an annual increase of the 1.00% AI cap or the average increase of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the prior calendar year, not to exceed a determined increase that would exhaust 10% of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF.

The AAP may raise or lower the aforementioned AI cap by up to 0.25% based on the parameters specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-413.

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the lifetime retirement benefit formula(s) shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

*Contributions provisions as of June 30, 2023:* Eligible employees of, the School and the State are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements for the SCHDTF are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, *et seq.* and § 24-51-413. Eligible employees are required to contribute 11.00% of their PERA-includable salary during the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023
Employer contribution rate	11.40%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02%)
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	10.38%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411	5.50%
<b>*Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF</b>	<b>20.38%</b>

\* Contribution rates for the SCHDTF are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. § 24-51-101(42).

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from the School were \$2,037,616 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**General Information about the Pension Plan** (Continued)

For purposes of GASB 68 paragraph 15, a circumstance exists in which a nonemployer contributing entity is legally responsible for making contributions to the SCHDTF and is considered to meet the definition of a special funding situation. As specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-414, the State is required to contribute a \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution each year to PERA starting on July 1, 2018. A portion of the direct distribution payment is allocated to the SCHDTF based on the proportionate amount of annual payroll of the SCHDTF to the total annual payroll of the SCHDTF, State Division Trust Fund, Judicial Division Trust Fund, and Denver Public Schools Division Trust Fund. House Bill (HB) 22-1029, instructed the State treasurer to issue an additional direct distribution to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars), upon enactment. The July 1, 2023, payment is reduced by \$190 million (actual dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, payment will not be reduced due to PERA's negative investment return in 2022. Senate Bill (SB) 23-056, enacted June 2, 2023, requires an additional direct distribution of approximately \$14.5 million (actual dollars), for a total of approximately \$49.5 million (actual dollars) to be contributed July 1, 2023.

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

The net pension liability for the SCHDTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total pension liability (TPL) used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TPL to December 31, 2022. The Academy's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Academy's contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers and the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

At June 30, 2023, the Academy reported a liability of \$22,375,192 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability that reflected an increase for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity.

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions** (Continued)

The amount recognized by the School as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the School were as follows:

The School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$22,375,192
The State's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a nonemployer contributing entity associated with the School.	5,049,020
Total	\$27,424,212

At December 31, 2022, the School's proportion was .1229%, which was a decrease of .01925% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School recognized pension expense of \$2,990,974 and revenue of \$593,734 for support from the State as a nonemployer contributing entity. At June 30, 2023, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$211,757	N/A
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	396,338	N/A
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	3,005,813	N/A
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	N/A	3,844,803
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,037,432	N/A
Total	\$4,651,340	\$3,844,803

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions** (Continued)

\$1,037,432 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year ended June 30:</b>	
2024	(\$1,874,555)
2025	(1,159,529)
2026	(47,307)
2027	1,101,880
2028	1,748,346

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TPL in the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions, and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.30%
Real wage growth	0.70%
Wage inflation	3.00%
Salary increases, including wage inflation:	3.40%-11.00%
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25%
Discount rate	7.25%
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07 and DPS benefit structure (compounded annually)	1.00%
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06 <sup>1</sup>	Financed by the AIR

<sup>1</sup> Post-retirement benefit increases are provided by the AIR, accounted separately within each Division Trust Fund, and subject to moneys being available; therefore, liabilities related to increases for members of these benefit tiers can never exceed available assets.

The mortality tables described below are generational mortality tables developed on a benefit-weighted basis.

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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions** (Continued)

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 112% of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83% of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class.



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**NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**(Continued)

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions** (Continued)

These ranges were combined to produce the long- term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

The PERA Board first adopted the 7.25% long-term expected rate of return as of November 18, 2016. Following an asset/liability study, the Board reaffirmed the assumed rate of return at the Board's November 15, 2019, meeting, to be effective January 1, 2020.

As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation, and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	54.00%	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00%	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50%	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50%	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00%	4.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long- term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.

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- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the member contribution rates in effect for each year, including the scheduled increases in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law for each year, including the scheduled increase in SB 18-200 and required adjustments resulting from the 2018 and 2020 AAP assessments. Employer contributions also include current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the actuarial value funding ratio reaches 103%, at which point the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions reflect reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- As specified in law, the State, as a nonemployer contributing entity, will provide an annual direct distribution of \$225 million (actual dollars), commencing July 1, 2018, that is proportioned between the State, School, Judicial, and DPS Division Trust Funds based upon the covered payroll of each Division. The annual direct distribution ceases when all Division Trust Funds are fully funded.
- HB 22-1029, effective upon enactment in 2022, required the State treasurer to issue, in addition to the regularly scheduled \$225 million (actual dollars) direct distribution, a warrant to PERA in the amount of \$380 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2023, direct distribution is reduced by \$190 million (actual dollars) to \$35 million (actual dollars). The July 1, 2024, direct distribution will not be reduced from \$225 million (actual dollars) due to PERA's negative investment return in 2022.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.

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- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial FNP, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. AIR transfers to the FNP and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the SCHDTF’s FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the School’s proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25%) or one percentage point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net pension	\$29,281,431	\$22,375,192	\$16,607,777

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the SCHDTF’s FNP is available in PERA’s ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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**Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*OPEB.* The School participates in the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado ("PERA"). The net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position (FNP) and additions to/deductions from the FNP of the HCTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. For this purpose, benefits paid on behalf of health care participants are recognized when due and/or payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

Investments are reported at fair value.

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the School are provided with OPEB through the HCTF—a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by PERA. The HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), as amended, and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure, and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of the premium subsidies. Colorado State law provisions may be amended by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Benefits provided.* The HCTF provides a health care premium subsidy to eligible participating PERA benefit recipients and retirees who choose to enroll in one of the PERA health care plans, however, the subsidy is not available if only enrolled in the dental and/or vision plan(s). The health care premium subsidy is based upon the benefit structure under which the member retires and the member's years of service credit. For members who retire having service credit with employers in the Denver Public Schools (DPS) Division and one or more of the other four Divisions (State, School, Local Government and Judicial), the premium subsidy is allocated between the HCTF and the Denver Public Schools Health Care Trust Fund (DPS HCTF). The basis for the amount of the premium subsidy funded by each trust fund is the percentage of the member contribution account balance from each division as it relates to the total member contribution account balance from which the retirement benefit is paid.

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

C.R.S. § 24-51-1202 *et seq.* specifies the eligibility for enrollment in the health care plans offered by PERA and the amount of the premium subsidy. The law governing a benefit recipient's eligibility for the subsidy and the amount of the subsidy differs slightly depending under which benefit structure the benefits are calculated. All benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure and all retirees under the DPS benefit structure are eligible for a premium subsidy, if enrolled in a health care plan under PERACare. Upon the death of a DPS benefit structure retiree, no further subsidy is paid.

Enrollment in the PERACare health benefits program is voluntary and is available to benefit recipients and their eligible dependents, certain surviving spouses, and divorced spouses and guardians, among others. Eligible benefit recipients may enroll into the program upon retirement, upon the occurrence of certain life events, or on an annual basis during an open enrollment period.

*PERA Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for benefit recipients who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for benefit recipients who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for benefit recipients with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The benefit recipient pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For benefit recipients who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, C.R.S. § 24-51-1206(4) provides an additional subsidy. According to the statute, PERA cannot charge premiums to benefit recipients without Medicare Part A that are greater than premiums charged to benefit recipients with Part A for the same plan option, coverage level, and service credit. Currently, for each individual PERACare enrollee, the total premium for Medicare coverage is determined assuming plan participants have both Medicare Part A and Part B and the difference in premium cost is paid by the HCTF or the DPS HCTF on behalf of benefit recipients not covered by Medicare Part A.

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

*DPS Benefit Structure*

The maximum service-based premium subsidy is \$230 per month for retirees who are under 65 years of age and who are not entitled to Medicare; the maximum service-based subsidy is \$115 per month for retirees who are 65 years of age or older or who are under 65 years of age and entitled to Medicare. The maximum service-based subsidy, in each case, is for retirees with retirement benefits based on 20 or more years of service credit. There is a 5% reduction in the subsidy for each year less than 20. The retiree pays the remaining portion of the premium to the extent the subsidy does not cover the entire amount.

For retirees who have not participated in Social Security and who are not otherwise eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for hospital-related services, the HCTF or the DPS HCTF pays an alternate service-based premium subsidy. Each individual retiree meeting these conditions receives the maximum \$230 per month subsidy reduced appropriately for service less than 20 years, as described above. Retirees who do not have Medicare Part A pay the difference between the total premium and the monthly subsidy.

*Contributions.* Pursuant to Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1) (f) of the C.R.S., as amended, certain contributions are apportioned to the HCTF. PERA-affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government, and Judicial Divisions are required to contribute at a rate of 1.02% of PERA-includable salary into the HCTF.

Employer contributions are recognized by the HCTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the School is statutorily committed to pay the contributions. Employer contributions recognized by the HCTF from School were \$101,980 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

At June 30, 2023, the School reported a liability of \$762,302 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability for the HCTF was measured as of December 31, 2022, and the total OPEB liability (TOL) used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the TOL to December 31, 2022. The School's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the School's contributions to the HCTF for the calendar year 2022 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the HCTF.

At December 31, 2022, the School's proportion was 0.09336%, which was an increase of 0.00056% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2021.

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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB** (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the School recognized OPEB expense of \$21,951. At June 30, 2023, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$99	N/A
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	12,252	84,135
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	46,560	184,350
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	52,157	3,303
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	51,923	N/A
Total	\$162,991	\$271,788

\$51,923 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<b>Year ended:</b>	
2024	(\$52,021)
2025	(\$71,248)
2026	(\$33,056)
2027	(\$4,146)
2028	(\$249)

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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB** (Continued)

*Actuarial assumptions.* The TOL in the December 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

	State Division	School Division	Local Government Division	Judicial Division
Actuarial cost method			Entry age	
Price inflation			2.30%	
Real wage growth			0.70%	
Wage inflation			3.00%	
Salary increases, including wage inflation				
Members other than State Troopers	3.30%-10.90%	3.40%-11.00%	3.20%-11.30%	2.80%-5.30%
State Troopers	3.20%-12.40%	N/A	3.20%-12.40%	N/A
Long-term investment rate of return, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, including price inflation			7.25%	
Discount rate			7.25%	
Health care cost trend rates				
PERA benefit structure:				
Service-based premium subsidy			0.00%	
PERACare Medicare plans			6.50% in 2022, gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2030	
Medicare Part A premiums			3.75% in 2022, gradually increasing to 4.50% in 2029	
DPS benefit structure:				
Service-based premium subsidy			0.00%	
PERACare Medicare plans			N/A	
Medicare Part A premiums			N/A	



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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB** (Continued)

The TOL for the HCTF, as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date, was adjusted to reflect the disaffiliation, allowable under C.R.S. § 24-51-313, of Tri-County Health Department (TriCounty Health), effective December 31, 2022. As of the close of the 2022 fiscal year, no disaffiliation payment associated with Tri-County Health was received, and therefore no disaffiliation dollars were reflected in the FNP as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the per capita health care costs are developed by plan option; based on 2022

premium rates for the UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug (MAPD) PPO plan #1, the

UnitedHealthcare MAPD PPO plan #2, and the Kaiser Permanente MAPD HMO plan. Actuarial morbidity factors are then applied to estimate individual retiree and spouse costs by age, gender, and health care cost trend. This approach applies for all members and is adjusted accordingly for those not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A for the PERA benefit structure.

**Age-Related Morbidity Assumptions**

<b>Participant Age</b>	<b>Annual Increase (Male)</b>	<b>Annual Increase (Female)</b>
65-69	3.0%	1.5%
70	2.9%	1.6%
71	1.6%	1.4%
72	1.4%	1.5%
73	1.5%	1.6%
74	1.5%	1.5%
75	1.5%	1.4%
76	1.5%	1.5%
77	1.5%	1.5%
78	1.5%	1.6%
79	1.5%	1.5%
80	1.4%	1.5%
81 and older	0.0%	0.0%

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**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)**

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 with Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 with Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) with Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$1,704	\$1,450	\$583	\$496	\$1,923	\$1,634
70	\$1,976	\$1,561	\$676	\$534	\$2,229	\$1,761
75	\$2,128	\$1,681	\$728	\$575	\$2,401	\$1,896

Sample Age	MAPD PPO #1 without Medicare Part A		MAPD PPO #2 without Medicare Part A		MAPD HMO (Kaiser) without Medicare Part A	
	Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse		Retiree/Spouse	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65	\$6,514	\$5,542	\$4,227	\$3,596	\$6,752	\$5,739
70	\$7,553	\$5,966	\$4,901	\$3,872	\$7,826	\$6,185
75	\$8,134	\$6,425	\$5,278	\$4,169	\$8,433	\$6,657

The 2022 Medicare Part A premium is \$499 (actual dollars) per month.

All costs are subject to the health care cost trend rates, as discussed below.

Health care cost trend rates reflect the change in per capita health costs over time due to factors such as medical inflation, utilization, plan design, and technology improvements. For the PERA benefit structure, health care cost trend rates are needed to project the future costs associated with providing benefits to those PERACare enrollees not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A.

Health care cost trend rates for the PERA benefit structure are based on published annual health care inflation surveys in conjunction with actual plan experience (if credible), building block models and industry methods developed by health plan actuaries and administrators. In addition, projected trends for the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (Medicare Part A premiums) provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are referenced in the development of these rates. Effective December 31, 2021, the health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums were revised to reflect the current expectation of future increases in rates of inflation applicable to Medicare Part A premiums.

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The PERA benefit structure health care cost trend rates used to measure the TOL are summarized in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>PERACare Medicare Plans</b>	<b>Medicare Part A Premiums</b>
2022	6.50%	3.75%
2023	6.25%	4.00%
2024	6.00%	4.00%
2025	5.75%	4.00%
2026	5.50%	4.25%
2027	5.25%	4.25%
2028	5.00%	4.25%
2029	4.75%	4.50%
2030+	4.50%	4.50%

Mortality assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation for the determination of the total pension liability for each of the Division Trust Funds as shown below, reflect generational mortality and were applied, as applicable, in the determination of the TOL for the HCTF, but developed on a headcount-weighted basis. Affiliated employers of the State, School, Local Government and Judicial Divisions participate in the HCTF.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (members other than State Troopers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the PubS-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Pre-retirement mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Employee Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the State and Local Government Divisions (members other than State Troopers) were based upon the PubG-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 94% of the rates prior to age 80 and 90% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 87% of the rates prior to age 80 and 107% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the School Division were based upon the PubT-2010 Healthy Retiree Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 112% of the rates prior to age 80 and 94% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 83% of the rates prior to age 80 and 106% of the rates for ages 80 and older, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled mortality assumptions for the Judicial Division were based upon the unadjusted PubG-2010(A) Above-Median Healthy Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Post-retirement non-disabled beneficiary mortality assumptions were based upon the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivor Table, adjusted as follows:

- **Males:** 97% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.
- **Females:** 105% of the rates for all ages, with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

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Disabled mortality assumptions for members other than State Troopers were based upon the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table using 99% of the rates for all ages with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

Disabled mortality assumptions for State Troopers were based upon the unadjusted PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree Table with generational projection using scale MP-2019.

The following health care costs assumptions were updated and used in the roll-forward calculation for the HCTF:

- Per capita health care costs in effect as of the December 31, 2021, valuation date for those PERACare enrollees under the PERA benefit structure who are expected to be age 65 and older and are not eligible for premium-free Medicare Part A benefits have been updated to reflect costs for the 2022 plan year.
- The December 31, 2021, valuation utilizes premium information as of January 1, 2022, as the initial per capita health care cost. As of that date, PERACare health benefits administration is performed by UnitedHealthcare. In that transition, the costs for the Medicare Advantage Option #2 decreased to a level that is lower than the maximum possible service-related subsidy as described in the plan provisions.
- The health care cost trend rates applicable to health care premiums were revised to reflect the then current expectation of future increases in those premiums. Medicare Part A premiums continued with the prior valuation trend pattern.

Actuarial assumptions pertaining to per capita health care costs and their related trend rates are analyzed and updated annually by PERA Board's actuary, as discussed above.

Effective for the December 31, 2022, measurement date, the timing of the retirement decrement was adjusted to middle-of-year within the valuation programming used to determine the TOL, reflecting a recommendation from the 2022 actuarial audit report, dated October 14, 2022, summarizing the results of the actuarial audit performed on the December 31, 2021, actuarial valuation.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021, valuation were based on the results of the 2020 experience analysis for the period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2019, and were reviewed and adopted by the PERA Board at their November 20, 2020, meeting.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared at least every five years for PERA. The most recent analyses were outlined in the Experience Study report dated October 28, 2020.

Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages and then adding expected inflation.

As of the most recent reaffirmation of the long-term rate of return, the target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the table as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
Global Equity	54.00 %	5.60%
Fixed Income	23.00 %	1.30%
Private Equity	8.50 %	7.10%
Real Estate	8.50 %	4.40%
Alternatives	6.00 %	4.70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	

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Note: In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected nominal rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates.* The following presents the net OPEB liability using the current health care cost trend rates applicable to the PERA benefit structure, as well as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rates:

	1% Decrease in Trend Rates	Current Trend Rates	1% Increase in Trend Rates
Initial PERACare Medicare trend rate <sup>1</sup>	5.25%	6.25%	7.25%
Ultimate PERACare Medicare trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Initial Medicare Part A trend rate	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%
Ultimate Medicare Part A trend rate	3.50%	4.50%	5.50%
Net OPEB Liability	\$740,726	\$762,302	\$785,780

<sup>1</sup>For the January 1, 2023, plan year.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the TOL was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated health care cost trend rates for Medicare Part A premiums as of the December 31, 2022, measurement date.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.00%.
- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date.

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**NOTE 8: DEFINED BENEFIT OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) PLAN**  
(Continued)

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB** (Continued)

- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- Estimated transfers of dollars into the HCTF representing a portion of purchase service agreements intended to cover the costs associated with OPEB benefits.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the middle of the year.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the HCTF's FNP was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return of 7.25% on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TOL. The discount rate determination does not use the municipal bond index rate, and therefore, the discount rate is 7.25%. There was no change in the discount rate from the prior measurement date.

*Sensitivity of the School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.25%) or one-percentage-point higher (8.25%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$883,734	\$762,302	\$658,439

*OPEB plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the HCTF's FNP is available in PERA's ACFR which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).



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**NOTE 9: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

**Claims and Judgments**

The Academy participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Academy may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2023, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited, but the Academy believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on the overall financial position of the Academy.

**Tabor Amendment**

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed the Tabor Amendment to the State Constitution, which limits state and local government tax powers and imposes spending limitations. Fiscal year 1993 provides the basis for limits in future years to which may be applied allowable increases for inflation and student enrollment. Revenue received in excess of the limitations may be required to be refunded. The Academy believes it has complied with the Amendment. As required by the Amendment, the Academy has established a reserve for emergencies. At June 30, 2023, the reserve of \$666,098 was recorded as a reservation of fund balance in the General Fund.

**NOTE 10: DEFICIT NET POSITION**

The net position of the governmental activities is in a deficit position of \$13,339,872 due to the Academy including its Net Pension Liability per the requirements of GASB Statements No. 68 and 75.

As of June 30, 2023, the Academy had an internal service fund net position deficit of \$1,465,331. The deficit was created when the Academy used bond proceeds to construct its facilities. The deficit will be eliminated as the Academy pays down its debt.

**NOTE 11: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Potential subsequent events were considered through October 13, 2023. It was determined that no events are required to be disclosed through this date.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
GENERAL FUND  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	2023			VARIANCE	2022 ACTUAL
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	Positive (Negative)	
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Local Sources					
Per Pupil Operating Revenue	\$ 19,818,924	\$ 20,159,163	\$ 17,077,209	\$ (3,081,954)	\$ 16,094,953
Mill Levy	-	-	1,702,643	1,702,643	844,257
Pupil Activities	-	-	837,224	837,224	577,228
Charges for Services	-	-	1,512,837	1,512,837	1,136,161
Earnings on Investments	-	-	141,328	141,328	7,417
Other Revenue	-	400	812,029	811,629	200,295
State and Federal Sources					
Grants and Donations	2,832,371	3,154,474	2,433,433	(721,041)	3,805,655
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>22,651,295</b>	<b>23,314,037</b>	<b>24,516,703</b>	<b>1,202,666</b>	<b>22,665,966</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
Salaries	10,851,233	10,796,844	10,335,346	461,498	9,325,132
Employee Benefits	4,323,086	4,306,101	4,086,861	219,240	3,335,678
Purchased Services	4,875,959	5,111,533	4,999,113	112,420	4,498,341
Supplies and Materials	1,720,286	2,238,504	2,301,940	(63,436)	2,130,419
Property	75,000	695,073	383,951	311,122	11,000
Other	713,800	765,982	693,937	72,045	619,802
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>22,559,364</b>	<b>23,914,037</b>	<b>22,801,148</b>	<b>1,112,889</b>	<b>19,920,372</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>91,931</b>	<b>(600,000)</b>	<b>1,715,555</b>	<b>2,315,555</b>	<b>2,745,594</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Transfers In	(600,000)	-	400	600,400	24,000
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>(508,069)</b>	<b>(600,000)</b>	<b>1,715,955</b>	<b>2,915,955</b>	<b>2,769,594</b>
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	8,209,076	8,074,321	8,074,320	(1)	5,304,726
FUND BALANCE, Ending	<u>7,701,007.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,474,321</u>	<u>\$ 9,790,275</u>	<u>\$ 2,915,954</u>	<u>\$ 8,074,320</u>

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE  
SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND

Years Ended December 31,

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	0.079%	0.160%	0.163%	0.156%	0.164%	0.144%	0.148%	0.161%	0.161%	0.123%
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,030,429	\$ 21,708,268	\$ 24,973,594	\$ 46,534,475	\$ 53,081,661	\$ 25,545,322	\$ 22,092,404	\$ 24,391,232	\$ 16,540,314	\$ 22,375,192
State of Colorado Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability associated with the School	-	-	-	-	-	3,492,968	3,549,194	-	1,701,124	5,049,020
Total portion of the Net Pension Liability associated with the School	<u>\$ 10,030,429</u>	<u>\$ 21,708,268</u>	<u>\$ 24,973,594</u>	<u>\$ 46,534,475</u>	<u>\$ 53,081,661</u>	<u>\$ 29,038,290</u>	<u>\$ 25,641,598</u>	<u>\$ 24,391,232</u>	<u>\$ 18,241,438</u>	<u>\$ 27,424,212</u>
School's covered payroll	<u>\$ 6,374,528</u>	<u>\$ 6,710,029</u>	<u>\$ 7,116,195</u>	<u>\$ 6,988,424</u>	<u>\$ 7,572,236</u>	<u>\$ 7,931,095</u>	<u>\$ 8,651,797</u>	<u>\$ 8,479,308</u>	<u>\$ 8,882,744</u>	<u>\$ 9,474,218</u>
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	157.4%	323.5%	350.9%	665.9%	701.0%	366.1%	296.4%	287.7%	205.4%	289.5%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	64.07%	62.80%	59.20%	43.10%	43.96%	57.01%	64.52%	66.99%	74.86%	61.79%

This schedule is reported as of December 31, as that is the plan year end.

This schedule will report ten years of data when it is available.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL DIVISION TRUST FUND

Years Ended June 30,

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	20023
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 1,064,275	\$ 1,102,441	\$ 1,369,654	\$ 1,374,149	\$ 1,531,707	\$ 1,579,911	\$ 1,716,356	\$ 1,790,067	\$ 1,809,266	\$ 2,037,616
Contributions in relation to the Statutorily required contributions	1,064,275	1,102,441	1,369,654	1,374,149	1,531,707	1,579,911	1,716,356	1,790,067	1,809,266	2,037,616
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School's covered payroll	\$ 6,252,422	\$ 6,710,029	\$ 7,305,839	\$ 7,476,403	\$ 7,696,932	\$ 8,258,811	\$ 8,856,313	\$ 8,479,308	\$ 8,856,313	\$ 9,998,141
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.02%	16.43%	18.75%	18.38%	19.90%	19.13%	19.38%	21.11%	20.43%	20.38%

Notes:

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THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE  
HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND

Years Ended December 31,

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	0.089%	0.933%	0.094%	0.097%	0.093%	0.093%	0.094%
School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,147,510	\$ 1,212,163	\$ 1,275,833	\$ 1,086,079	\$ 886,798	\$ 800,226	\$ 762,302
School's covered payroll	\$ 6,988,424	\$ 7,572,236	\$ 7,931,095	\$ 8,651,797	\$ 8,479,308	\$ 8,882,744	\$ 9,474,218
School's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	16.4%	16.0%	16.1%	12.6%	10.5%	9.0%	8.0%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	16.72%	17.53%	17.03%	24.49%	32.78%	39.40%	38.57%

This schedule is reported as of December 31, as that is the plan year end.

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THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS  
HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND

Years Ended June 30,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 76,259	\$ 78,509	\$ 84,240	\$ 90,333	\$ 86,489	\$ 90,333	\$ 101,980
Contributions in relation to the Statutorily required contributions	<u>76,259</u>	<u>78,509</u>	<u>84,240</u>	<u>90,333</u>	<u>86,489</u>	<u>90,333</u>	<u>101,980</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School's covered payroll	\$ 7,476,403	\$ 7,696,932	\$ 8,258,811	\$ 8,856,313	\$ 8,479,308	\$ 8,856,313	\$ 9,998,141
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%	1.02%

Notes:

This schedule will report ten years of data when it is available.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

## **COMPLIANCE SECTION**





## JOHN CUTLER & ASSOCIATES

To the Board of Directors  
The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.  
Westminster, Colorado

### **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***

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, accompanying financial statements of The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc., which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 13, 2023.

#### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

*John Luthr & Associates, LLC*

October 13, 2023



## JOHN CUTLER & ASSOCIATES

To the Board of Directors  
The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.  
Westminster, Colorado

### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM, REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE AS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

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

##### Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'s major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc. complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program 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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc. 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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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.

Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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 The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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**

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

*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.

### **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 Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'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 Academy of Charter Schools, Inc.'s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*John Luther & Associates, LLC*

October 13, 2023

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Summary of Auditor's Results**

*Financial Statements*

Type of auditor's report issued: unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes      x   no
- Significant deficiency noted \_\_\_\_\_ yes      x   none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes      x   no

*Federal Awards*

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes      x   no
- Significant deficiency identified? \_\_\_\_\_ yes      x   none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: unqualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of the Uniform Guidance?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes      x   no

Identification of major program:

- 84.027            Passed through the Colorado Department of Education:  
IDEA Part B
- 10.555            Passed through the Colorado Department of Education:
- 10.553            National School Lunch Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? \_\_\_\_\_ yes      x   no

**Findings Related to Financial Statements**

The audit of the financial statements did not disclose any significant deficiencies in internal control that would be considered a material weakness, and did not disclose any instances of noncompliance with requirements of certain provisions of laws, regulations, and grants that were material to those financial statements.

**Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards**

The audit of federal awards did not disclose any significant deficiencies in internal control that would be considered a material weakness, and did not disclose any instances of noncompliance with requirements of certain provisions of laws, regulations, and grants that were material to those federal awards.

THE ACADEMY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Major Program ?	Assistance Listing Number	Additional Award Identification	Pass-through Entity #	Total Expenditures	Passed Through to Subrecipient
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</u></b>						
Passed through the Colorado Department of Education						
ESSER III	No	84.425	COVID-19	4414	24,860	-
Title I, part A - Education for the Disadvantaged	No	84.010		9202	8,250	-
Title II, part A - High Quality Teachers and Principals	No	84.367		4367	14,888	-
Title III, part A - No Child Left Behind	No	84.365		4365	11,724	-
Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment		84.424		4424	-	-
				4027, 4173,		
IDEA, part B	Yes	84.027		6173, 6027	395,888	-
Department of Education Subtotal					455,610	-
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</u></b>						
Passed through the Colorado Department of Education						
Public Health Emergency Response	No	93.354	COVID-19	7354	41,576	-
Child Care and Development Block Grant	No	93.575		7575	95,336	-
Department of Health and Human Services Subtotal					136,912	-
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR</u></b>						
Passed through the Colorado Department of Education						
Concurrent Enrollment Expansion and Innovation Grant	No	17.285		9017	90,356	-
<b><u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u></b>						
Passed through the Colorado Department of Education						
National School Breakfast Program	Yes	10.553		4553	2,453	-
National School Lunch Program	Yes	10.555		4555	301,768	-
Supply Chain Assistance	Yes	10.555		6555	97,516	-
Passed through the Colorado Department of Education Subtotal					401,737	-
<b>Total Federal Financial Assistance</b>					<b>\$ 1,084,615</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**NOTES**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of the School and is presented on the modified 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 Part 200, *Uniform Administrative 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 purpose financial statements.

2. The School has elected not to use the 10% de minimis cost rate as covered in §200.414 Indirect (F&A) costs, CFR 200.510(6).

3. No amounts were provided to sub recipients per §200.510 (b)(4).

4. Reported commodities were valued based on current market value §200.502(g).

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.