AURORA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2017

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Board of Directors Aurora Academy Charter School Aurora, Colorado

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aurora Academy Charter School (the "Academy"), a component unit of the Joint School District No. 28 of the Counties of Adams and Arapahoe, Colorado, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expression an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluation the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aurora Academy Charter School, as of June 30, 2017, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, schedule of the school's proportionate share, and schedule of the school's contributions on pages 32-34 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's financial statements. The individual fund financial statement listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

John Cuth + Associates, LLC

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 22, 2017 on our consideration of the Aurora Academy Charter School'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 Aurora Academy Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

September 22, 2017

As management of Aurora Academy Charter School (the Academy), we offer readers of the Academy's basic financial statements this narrative and analysis of the financial activities of the Academy as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information provided in the basic financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The year ended June 30, 2017, is the seventeenth year of operations for the Academy. As of June 30, 2017, the net position was a negative \$5,664,475 due to the implementation of GASB 68 for pensions. Fund Balance decreased from \$1,287,200 to \$1,124,063 at June 30th which is a 12.7% decrease. The operations of the Academy are funded primarily by tax revenue received under the State School Finance Act (the Act). State categorical revenue (PPR) for the year was \$4,020,958.

Overview of Basic Financial Statements

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

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Academy's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Academy's net position has changed during the year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenue and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future periods (for example, salaries and benefits earned but unpaid as of year end).

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Academy, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Academy maintains one governmental fund, its General Fund, and one proprietary fund, the Building Fund.

The Academy adopts annual budgets for its funds. Budgetary comparisons have been provided for each governmental fund in the basic financial statements to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements. The notes are presented on pages 9 through 31.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted previously, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Academy's financial condition. As of June 30, 2017, the Academy's liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded its assets and deferred outflows by \$5,664,475. \$135,902 of this total is restricted to comply with Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, known as the TABOR Amendment. Accordingly, these funds are not available to satisfy general operating expenses of the Academy. The unrestricted net negative position of \$7,084,900 increased from the prior fiscal year by \$2,428,730 or 52%, principally because the unfunded pension obligation grew substantially.

Net position as of June 30, 2017:

	2017
Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 1,427,392
Receivables and other current assets	30,887
Capital assets, net	5,695,650
Restricted cash and investments	690,320
Total assets	7,844,249
Deferred Outflows, Pension	5,487,830
Liabilities	
Accounts payable and interest payable	217,052
Accrued salaries and benefits	173,614
Deposits	40,560
Current portion long-term debt	242,867
Long-term debt Due in more than one year	4,858,580
Net Pension Liability	13,403,321
Total liabilities	18,935,994
Deferred Inflows, Pension	60,560
Net position	
Investment in Capital Assets (net)	1,284,523
Restricted for TABOR	135,902
Unrestricted	(7,084,900)
Total net position	\$(5,664,475)

Change in net position for the year ended June 30, 2017 is as follows:

	2017
Revenues	
Program revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 133,887
Operating grants and contributions	87,928
Capital grants and contributions	430,542
Total program revenues	652,357
General revenues	
State categorical revenue	4,020,940
Mill levy override	304,063
Earnings on investments	50,064
Other	54,461
Total general revenues	4,429,528
Total revenues	5,081,885
Expenditures/expenses	
Current	
Instruction	4,731,086
Supporting services	2,285,632
Interest on long-term debt	189,773
Total expenses	7,206,491
Increase (decrease) in net position	(2,124,606)
Net Position, beginning of year	(3,539,869)
Net Position, end of year	\$(5,664,475)

Financial Analysis of the Academy's Funds

The Academy has one governmental fund, the General Fund, and one proprietary fund, the Building Fund. The General Fund is considered a major fund and is used to account for the Academy's general operations. The General Fund began the year with a positive fund balance of \$1,287,200. The School's fund balance decreased during the year by \$163,137 or 12.7% due a substantial building renovation project. Sixty five percent of the General Fund balance is unassigned. The Building Corporation was created in 2004 and purchased the School facility on September 17, 2004.

The Building Fund ended the year with a net position of \$1,187,513, an increase of \$267,896. A substantial portion of the increase is attributed to the contributed capital or building improvements paid for by the School.

General Fund and Building Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Academy budgeted General Fund expenditures of \$5,077,437 for the year ended June 30, 2017. Actual expenditures were \$4,918,242. The Building Fund had budgeted expenditures of \$750,000 with actual expenditures of \$716,433, resulting in a positive variance of \$33,570.

The School did not change General Fund budgeted expenditures during the year. The Building Fund's budgeted expenditures were increased by \$90,000 or 13.6%.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

The Academy leases its school facilities under an agreement with the Aurora Academy Building Corporation, a blended component unit of the Academy. The lease is renewable in annual installments beginning each July 1 (subject to TABOR restrictions).

The Building Corporation purchased the facility in September of 2004. Outstanding debt of the Building Corporation at June 30, 2017, was \$5,425,878 which reflects a reduction of \$235,082 from the prior year. The outstanding debt does not consider the impact of the deferred bond premium of \$324,425. The principal reduction will increase to \$242,867 in FY 18.

The asset capitalization threshold is \$5,000. During fiscal year (FY) 16-17, an \$891,490 building renovation project began. It is anticipated the project will be substantially complete prior to the School opening for FY18.

Economic Factors, Next Year's Budget, Student Counts

The primary factor driving the budget for the Academy is student enrollment. Funded Pupil Count (FPC) has been 463, 474, 482, 497, 497.5, 507.5, 510.8, 521.2 and 522.2 for FY09, FY10, FY11, FY12, FY13, FY14, FY15, FY16 and FY17 respectively. The FPC projected for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 school year is 522. This factor was considered in preparing the Academy's budget for FY18. There are currently no plans to increase the number of classrooms or significantly change the student body (FPC) in the near future. Overall funding has improved for FY 17-18 with the PPR increasing 3.26%. Depending on the extent of capital improvements, the General Fund Balance should decrease 43% in FY18.

Requests for Information

The financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Academy's finances for all those with an interest in the Academy. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to Aurora Academy Charter School, 10251 E. 1st Avenue, Aurora, Colorado 80010



STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2017

	GOVERNMEN'I	TAL ACTIVITIES
	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,427,392	\$ 1,453,826
Restricted Investments	690,320	672,140
Accounts Receivable	28,648	16,705
Prepaid Expenses	2,239	4,798
Capital Assets, Not Depreciated	570,437	310,000
Capital Assets, Depreciated		
Net of Accumulated Depreciation	5,125,213	5,319,033
TOTAL ASSETS	7,844,249	7,776,502
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Related to Pensions	5,487,830	880,536
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	140,852	3,777
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	173,614	141,932
Deposits	40,560	38,960
Accrued Interest	76,200	68,144
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Due Within One Year	242,867	235,085
Due in More Than One Year	4,858,580	5,081,787
Net Pension Liability	13,403,321	6,534,605
TOTAL LIABILITIES	18,935,994	12,104,290
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Related to Pensions	60,560	92,617
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	1,284,523	984,301
Restricted for Emergencies	135,902	132,000
Unrestricted	(7,084,900)	(4,656,170)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (5,664,475)	\$ (3,539,869)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2017

NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGE IN

		PR	OGRAM REVEN	JUES		OSITION
		Charges for	Operating Grants and	Capital Grants and		tal Activities
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	2017	2016
Governmental Activities						
Instruction	\$ 4,731,086	\$ -	\$ 87,246	\$ -	\$ (4,643,840)	\$ (2,743,575)
Supporting Services	2,285,632	133,887	682	430,542	(1,720,521)	(1,367,461)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	189,773				(189,773)	(186,282)
Total Governmental						
Activities	\$ 7,206,491	\$ 133,887	\$ 87,928	\$ 430,542	(6,554,134)	(4,297,318)
		GENERAL	REVENUES			
		Per Pupil F	Revenue		4,020,958	3,956,367
		Mill Levy (Override		304,063	297,760
		Investmen	t Earnings		50,064	47,422
		Other Rev	enues		54,443	34,684
		TOTAL	GENERAL RE	EVENUES	4,429,528	4,336,233
		CHANG	SE IN NET POS	SITION	(2,124,606)	38,915
		NET PO	OSITION, Begin	ning	(3,539,869)	(3,578,784)
		NET PO	OSITION, Endir	ng	\$ (5,664,475)	\$ (3,539,869)

BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2017

	GENERAL FUND		
	2017	2016	
ASSETS			
Cash and Investments	\$ 1,427,392	\$ 1,453,826	
Accounts Receivable	25,188	13,245	
Prepaid Expenditures	2,239	4,798	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,454,819	\$ 1,471,869	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 116,582	\$ 3,777	
Accrued Salaries and Benefits	173,614	141,932	
Deposits	40,560	38,960	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	330,756	184,669	
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	2,239	4,798	
Restricted for Building Reserve	175,000	175,000	
Restricted for Emergencies	135,902	132,000	
Restricted for Lease Commitment	72,105	72,105	
Unassigned	738,817	903,297	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,124,063	1,287,200	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
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 assets.	1,187,513	919,617	
Long-term liabilities and related assets are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. This liability includes net pension liability of (\$13,403,321), deferred outflows related to pensions of \$5,487,830, and deferred inflows	(7.077.054)	(E 747 707)	
related to pensions of (\$60,560).	(7,976,051)	(5,746,686)	
Net position of governmental activities	\$ (5,664,475)	\$ (3,539,869)	

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Year Ended June 30, 2017

	GENERA	GENERAL FUND		
	2017	2016		
REVENUES				
Local Sources	\$ 4,522,821	\$ 4,390,551		
State and Federal Sources	232,284	214,537		
TOTAL REVENUES	4,755,105	4,605,088		
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Instruction	2,971,630	2,585,918		
Supporting Services	1,946,612	1,686,313		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,918,242	4,272,231		
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(163,137)	332,857		
FUND BALANCES, Beginning	1,287,200	954,343		
FUND BALANCES, Ending	\$ 1,124,063	\$ 1,287,200		

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended June 30, 2017

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (163,137)
Deferred Charges related to pension are not recognized in the governmental funds. However, for the government-wide funds that amount is capitalized and amortized.	(2,229,365)
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.	 267,896
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ (2,124,606)

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES June 30, 2017

		Governmental Activities- Internal Service Fund		
	2017	2016		
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Restricted Cash and Investments	\$ 690,320	\$ 672,140		
Interest Receivable	3,460	3,460		
Total Current Assets	693,780	675,600		
Long-term Assets				
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	5,695,650	5,629,033		
Total Long-term Assets	5,695,650	5,629,033		
TOTAL ASSETS	6,389,430	6,304,633		
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	24,270	-		
Interest Payable	76,200	68,144		
Bonds Payable - Current Portion	242,867	235,085		
Total Current Liabilities	343,337	303,229		
Long-Term Liabilities				
Bonds Payable	4,858,580	5,081,787		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,201,917	5,385,016		
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,208,323	916,157		
Unrestricted	(20,810)	3,460		
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 1,187,513	\$ 919,617		

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES Year Ended June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities- Internal Service			
		2017	2016	
OPERATING REVENUES Rent	\$	422,464	\$	422,464
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Purchased Services		5,563		5,794
Other		47,463		22,870
Depreciation		218,886		216,405
Amortization		19,663		19,662
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		291,575		264,731
OPERATING INCOME		130,889		157,733
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Investment Income		41,276		38,883
Interest Expense		(189,773)		(186,282)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		(148,497)		(147,399)
INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		(17,608)		10,334
TRANSFERS AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS				
Capital Contributions		285,504		65,876
TOTAL TRANSFERS AND CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS		285,504		65,876
NET INCOME (LOSS)		267,896		76,210
NET POSITION, Beginning		919,617		843,407
NET POSITION, Ending	\$	1,187,513	\$	919,617

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

Year Ended June 30, 2017 Increase (Decrease) in Cash

	Governmental Activities- Internal Service Fund			
	2017			2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Cash Received from Rent Cash Paid to Suppliers	\$	422,464 (28,756)	\$	422,464 (28,663)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		393,708		393,801
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Investment Income		41,276		38,702
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Interest Expense Principal Payments on Loan		(181,721) (235,082)		(189,021) (227,554)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities		(416,803)		(416,575)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		18,181		15,928
CASH, Beginning		672,140		656,212
CASH, Ending	\$	690,321	\$	672,140
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating Income Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$	130,889	\$	157,733
Depreciation Expense Amortization Expense Changes in Assets and Liabilities		218,886 19,663		216,405 19,663
Accounts Payable		24,270		-
Total Adjustments		262,819		236,068
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	393,708	\$	393,801
Non Cash Items Capital Assets Contributed from the General Fund	\$	285,504	\$	65,786

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Aurora Academy Charter School (the "Academy") was organized pursuant to the Colorado Charter Schools Act to form and operate a Charter School within the Aurora Public School District (the "District") in the State of Colorado.

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.

Aurora Academy Building Corporation

The Aurora Academy Building Corporation. ("Corporation") is considered to be financially accountable to the Academy. 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. Separate financial statements are not available.

The Academy is a component unit of the Aurora Public School District.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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 fund:

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.

Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance/Net Position

Investments – Investments are recorded at fair value.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

Prepaid Expenses – Payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods are recorded as prepaid expense. An expenditure is reported in the year in which the services are consumed.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include leasehold improvements, 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 fair market 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 and improvements 20 - 40 years; equipment 5 years.

Long-term Debt – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Issuance costs are recognized in the current period. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, 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 current expenditures.

Net Position – The government-wide fund financial statements utilize a net position presentation. Net position is categorized as net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted. Net investment in capital assets is intended to reflect the portion of net position which is 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 is liquid assets, which have third party limitations on their use. Unrestricted net position represents assets that do not have any third party limitations on their use.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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

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 spendable in form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. All amounts reported as nonspendable at June 30, 2017, by the Academy are nonspendable in form as prepaid expenses.
- 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. The Academy has classified Lease Commitments as restricted as their use is restricted per terms of operating leases.
- 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. 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, 2017.
- <u>Unassigned</u> 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 1: <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

Compensated Absences

The Academy's policy allows employees to accumulate sick and vacation leave. Employees are paid \$100 a day for any unused paid time off that they have not used at the time that they leave the Academy. They also pay employees for any time off not used in excess of 80 hours as of June 30 of each year. As of June 30, 2017, this liability totaled \$12,097 which has not been recorded in the financial statements as it is not significant to the financial statement as a whole.

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 coverage for these risks of loss. Settled claims have not exceeded insured amounts 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, comparative data has not been presented in all statements because such inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand. Also, certain amounts presented in the prior year data have been reclassified to be consistent with current year's presentation.

NOTE 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

A budget is adopted for all funds on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

Academy 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 by June 30th. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 3: CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Investments at June 30, 2017 consisted of the following:

Cash on Hand	\$ 500
Deposits	1,189,042
Investments	 928,170

Total <u>\$ 2,117,712</u>

Deposits

<u>Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits</u>

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, 2017, 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.

At June 30, 2017, the Academy had deposits with financial institutions with a carrying amount of \$1,189,042. The bank balances with the financial institutions were \$1,296,279. Of these balances \$739,585 were covered by federal depository insurance and \$556,694 were covered by collateral held by authorized escrow agents in the financial institution's name (PDPA).

Investments

Interest Rate Risk

The Academy has adopted a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The Academy follows State Statute. The board or the finance committee of the Building Corporation must approve all investments that mature in greater than five years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 3: *CASH AND INVESTMENTS* (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

Credit Risk

Colorado statutes specify in which instruments units of local government may invest, which include:

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

It is the Academy's policy to follow Colorado State statutes guidelines for managing credit risk or interest rate risk.

The Academy had invested \$263,065 in the Colorado Government Liquid Asset Trust (COLOTRUST) and \$46,237 in the Colorado Surplus Asset Fund Trust (CSAFE), investment vehicles established for local government entities in Colorado to pool surplus funds and are registered with the State Securities Commissioner. They operate similarly to a money market fund and each share is equal in value to \$1.00. Investments consist of U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agency securities. A designated custodial bank provides safekeeping and depository services in connection with the direct investment and withdrawal functions. Substantially all securities owned are 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 entities. Colotrust and CSAFE are rated AAAm by Standard and Poor's.

The Academy has invested \$618,868 in government agency and domestic bonds. These investments have maturity dates ranging from May 2021 to May 2036 and carry interest rates ranging from 1.60% to 6.45%. These bonds are rated from BBB- to AA+ by Standard and Poor's.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 3: *CASH AND INVESTMENTS* (Continued)

<u>Fair Value</u> (Continued)

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.

Government Agency and Domestic Bonds – The fair value of the Government Agency and Domestic Bonds is determined by quoted prices in active markets and is classified as Level 1.

<u>COLOTRUST</u> – The School holds a position in an external investment pool that is not a 2a7-like external investment pool. The unit of account is each share held, and the value of the position would be the fair value of the pool's share price multiplied by the number of shares held. The government-investor does not "look through" the pool to report a pro rata share of the pool's investments, receivables, and payables. Therefore, this investment is categorized as Level 2.

Restricted Cash and Investments

Cash and investments in the amount of \$690,320 are restricted in the Building Corporation for debt service requirements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 4: <u>CAPITAL ASSETS</u>

Capital Assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2017 is summarized below.

	<u>Ju</u>	Balance ane 30, 2016	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>		Balance ne 30, 2017
Governmental Activities	-					
Capital assets, Not						
Depreciated						
Land	\$	310,000	-	-	\$	310,000
Construction in Progress			260,437			260,437
Total Capital Assets,						
Not Depreciated		310,000	260,437			570,437
Carital Assats Pairs						
Capital Assets, Being Depreciated						
Buildings		6,544,243				6,544,243
Leasehold Improvements		755,589	5,970			761,559
Machinery and Equipment		423,064	19,097			442,161
Total Capital Assets,		123,001	17,077			112,101
Being Depreciated		7,722,896	25,067		-	7,747,963
Accumulated Depreciation						
Buildings		1,894,042	163,606	-		2,057,648
Leasehold Improvements		320,379	33,226	-		353,605
Machinery and Equipment		189,442	22,055	<u>-</u>		211,497
Total Accumulated						
Depreciation		2,403,863	218,887	=		2,622,750
Total Capital Assets, Being						
Depreciated, Net		5,319,033	(193,820)			5,125,213
Net Capital Assets	\$	5,629,033	<u>\$ 66,617</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$	5,695,650

Depreciation expense is 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 the school year of nine months. The salaries and benefits earned, but unpaid, as of June 30, 2017, were \$173,614 in the General Fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 6: LONG-TERM DEBT

Following is a summary of the Academy's long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	<u>Ju</u>	Balance ane 30, 2016	Additio	<u>ons</u>	<u>Pa</u>	<u>yments</u>	<u>Ju</u>	Balance ne 30, 2017	Due In <u>One Year</u>
2013 Refunding Bonds Deferred Premium		5,660,960 (344,088)	\$					5,425,878 (324,425)	
Total	\$	5,316,872	\$		\$	215,422	\$	5,101,447	\$ 242,867

2013 Refunding Bonds

In June 2013, the Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority (CECFA) issued \$6,246,000 Charter School Refunding Bonds. Proceeds of the bonds were used by the Corporation to advance refund the 2004 bonds. The Academy is obligated under a lease agreement to make monthly lease payments to the Corporation for the use of educational facilities. The Corporation is required to make equal loan payments to the Trustee, for payment of the bonds. The bonds accrue in the amount of 3.21% per annum. Interest payments are due semi-annually on February 15 and August 15. Principal payments are due annually on February 15, through 2034.

The advance refunding was done in order to reduce the Academy's debt payments. The refunding decreased the Academy's total debt service payments by approximately \$1.6 million. The transaction resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service on the old and new bonds) of \$737,476. Future debt service requirements are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,		<u>Principal</u>		Interest		<u>Total</u>
2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 – 2027	\$	242,867 250,907 259,212 267,791 276,655 1,526,851	\$	174,170 166,374 158,320 150,000 141,404 567,780	\$	417,037 417,281 417,532 417,791 418,059 2,094,631
2028 – 2032 2033 – 2034 Total	<u>\$</u>	1,796,836 804,759 5,425,878	<u>\$</u>	305,956 38,958 1,702,962	<u>\$</u>	2,102,792 843,717 7,128,840

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 7: <u>DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN</u>

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Pensions. The School participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension fund 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 and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position 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 School Division Trust Fund (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 comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Benefits provided. 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 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100 percent 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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 percent 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 percent of highest average salary and also 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 percent or 100 percent 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.

Benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments, referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment before January 1, 2007 and all benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure receive an annual increase of 2 percent, unless PERA has a negative investment year, in which case the annual increase for the next three years is the lesser of 2 percent or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the prior calendar year. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment after January 1, 2007 receive an annual increase of the lesser of 2 percent or the average CPI-W for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve (AIR) for the SCHDTF.

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 retirement benefit formula shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)

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. Eligible employees and the School are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. § 24-51-401, et seq. Eligible employees are required to contribute 8 percent of their PERA-includable salary. The employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	For the Year	For the Year
	Ended	Ended
	December 31,	December 31,
	2016	2017
Employer contribution rate ¹	10.15%	10.15%
Amount of employer contribution apportioned to the Health	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-208(1)(f) ¹		
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF ¹	9.13%	9.13%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified	4.50%	4.50%
in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 ¹		
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement	4.50%	5.00%
(SAED) as specified in C.R.S. § 24-51-411 ¹		
Total employer contribution rate to the SCHDTF ¹	18.13%	18.63%

¹Rates 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 School were \$418,590 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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

At June 30, 2017, the School reported a liability of \$13,403,321 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2015. Standard update procedures were used to roll-forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2016. The School proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School's contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2016 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the SCHDTF.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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)

At December 31, 2016, the School's proportion was 0.04502 percent, which was an increase of 0.00229 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2015.

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the School recognized pension expense of \$2,647,954. At June 30, 2017, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of	Deferred Inflows of
	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 167,562	\$ 118
Net difference between projected		
and actual earnings on pension plan		
investments	\$ 448,179	N/A
Changes in proportion and		
differences between contributions		
recognized and proportionate share		
of contributions	\$ 308,066	N/A
Changes in assumptions and other		
inputs	\$ 4,349,098	\$ 60,442
Contributions subsequent to the	\$ 214,925	N/A
measurement date	\$ 214,923	IN/ A
Total	\$ 5,487,830	\$ 60,560

\$214,925 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, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30,	
2018	\$2,054,802
2019	\$2,039,262
2020	\$1,043,166
2021	\$74,418
2022	\$697

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial cost method, actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.80 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.90 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.90 - 10.10 percent
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension	
plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.50 percent
Discount rate	7.50 percent
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to $1/1/07$;	
and DPS benefit structure (automatic)	2.00 percent
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06	
(ad hoc, substantively automatic)	Financed by the
	Annual Increase Reserve

Based on the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016 and effective as of December 31, 2016. These revised assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll-forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.40 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.50 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50 – 9.70 percent
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension	-
plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 percent
Discount rate	5.26 percent
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07	
and DPS benefit structure (automatic)	2.00 percent
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06	-
(ad hoc, substantively automatic)	Financed by the
	Annual Increase Reserve

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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)

Mortality rates used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on a projection of Scale AA to 2020 with Males set back 1 year, and Females set back 2 years. Active member mortality was based upon the same mortality rates but adjusted to 55 percent of the base rate for males and 40 percent of the base rate for females. For disabled retirees, the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 2 years for males and set back 2 years for females) was assumed.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, adopted by PERA's Board on November 13, 2012, and an economic assumption study, adopted by PERA's Board on November 15, 2013 and January 17, 2014.

As a result of the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic actuarial assumptions including withdrawal rates, retirement rates for early reduced and unreduced retirement, disability rates, administrative expense load, and pre- and post-retirement and disability mortality rates were adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016 to more closely reflect PERA's actual experience. As the revised economic and demographic assumptions are effective as of the measurement date, December 31, 2016, these revised assumptions were reflected in the total pension liability roll-forward procedures.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

Healthy, post-retirement mortality assumptions reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- **Females:** Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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)

For disabled retirees, the mortality assumption was changed to reflect 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four or five years for PERA. Recently, this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in presentations to PERA's Board on October 28, 2016. As a result of the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop and the November 18, 2016 PERA Board meeting, the economic assumptions changed, effective December 31, 2016, as follows:

- Investment rate of return assumption decreased from 7.50 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses to 7.25 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses.
- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.80 percent per year to 2.40 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.70 percent per year, net of investment expenses, to 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.90 percent per year to 3.50 percent per year.

Several factors were considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption for the SCHDTF, 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 by the investment consultant 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 percentage and then adding expected inflation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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)

As of the November 18, 2016 adoption of the current long-term expected rate of return by the PERA Board, the target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target	30 Year Expected
	Allocation	Geometric Real
		Rate of Return
U.S. Equity – Large Cap	21.20%	4.30%
U.S. Equity – Small Cap	7.42%	4.80%
Non U.S. Equity – Developed	18.55%	5.20%
Non U.S. Equity – Emerging	5.83%	5.40%
Core Fixed Income	19.32%	1.20%
High Yield	1.38%	4.30%
Non U.S. Fixed Income – Developed	1.84%	0.60%
Emerging Market Debt	0.46%	3.90%
Core Real Estate	8.50%	4.90%
Opportunity Fund	6.00%	3.80%
Private Equity	8.50%	6.60%
Cash	1.00%	0.20%
Total	100.00%	

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 rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.26 percent. 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 economic and demographic actuarial assumptions adopted by PERA's Board on November 18, 2016.
- 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 3.50%.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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)

- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the current member contribution
 rate. 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 and effective as of the measurement date, including 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 included 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.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members
 were based upon a process used by the plan to estimate future actuarially determined
 contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial fiduciary net position, 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. As the ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases financed by the AIR are defined to have a present value at the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments equal to the amount transferred for their future payment, AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments have no impact on the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) determination process when the timing of AIR cash flows is not a factor (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is not projected to be depleted). When AIR cash flow timing is a factor in the SEIR determination process (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the end of the month.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

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)

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2041 and, as a result, the municipal bond index rate was used in the determination of the discount rate. The long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to periods through 2041 and the municipal bond index rate, the December average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, was applied to periods on and after 2041 to develop the discount rate. For the measurement date, the municipal bond index rate was 3.86 percent, resulting in a discount rate of 5.26 percent.

As of the prior measurement date, the projection test indicated the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.50 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond index rate and the discount rate was 7.50 percent, 2.24 percent higher compared to the current 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 5.26 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.26 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.26 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.26%)	Current Discount Rate (5.26%)	1% Increase (6.26%)
Proportionate share of the net pension			
liability	\$16,854,244	\$13,403,320	\$10,592,667

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position is available in PERA's comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 7: DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Other Post-Employment Benefits

Health Care Trust Fund

Plan Description – The School contributes to the Health Care Trust Fund ("HCTF"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer healthcare trust administered by PERA. The HCTF benefit provides a health care premium subsidy and health care programs (known as PERACare) to PERA participating benefit recipients and their eligible beneficiaries. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, establishes the HCTF 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 health care subsidies. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the HCTF. That report can be obtained at www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports.

Funding Policy – The School is required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of PERA-includable salary for all PERA members as set by statute. No member contributions are required. The contribution requirements for the School are established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 4 of the C.R.S., as amended. The apportionment of the contributions to the HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended. For the years ending June 30, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the Academy's employer contribution to the HCTF was \$21,996, \$19,105, and \$20,222 respectively, equal to their required contribution for each year.

NOTE 8: 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, 2017, 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017

NOTE 8: *COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES* (Continued)

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, 2017, the reserve of \$135,902 was recorded as a reservation of fund balance in the General Fund.

NOTE 9: <u>DEFICIT NET POSITION</u>

The Net Position of the government type activities is in a deficit position of \$5,664,475 due to the Academy including the Net Pension Liability per GASB No. 68.



BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

Year Ended June 30, 2017

	ORIGINAL		VARIANCE	
	AND FINAL		Positive	2016
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	(Negative)	ACTUAL
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Per Pupil Revenue	\$ 3,975,011	\$ 4,020,958	\$ 45,947	\$ 3,956,367
Mill Levy Override	258,000	304,063	46,063	297,760
Tuition and Fees	49,250	133,887	84,637	82,708
Grants and Donations	2,000	682	(1,318)	10,493
Interest	12,500	8,788	(3,712)	8,539
Other	45,500	54,443	8,943	34,684
State and Federal Sources				
State and Federal Grants	190,056	232,284	42,228	214,537
TOTAL REVENUES	4,532,317	4,755,105	222,788	4,605,088
EXPENDITURES				
General Government				
Current				
Salaries	2,312,111	2,274,854	37,257	1,887,844
Employee Benefits	741,343	728,560	12,783	614,116
Purchased Services	1,099,092	1,115,232	(16,140)	1,247,021
Supplies and Materials	249,515	351,299	(101,784)	337,508
Property	70,000	435,023	(365,023)	171,043
Other	605,376	13,274	592,102	14,699
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,077,437	4,918,242	159,195	4,272,231
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(545,120)	(163,137)	381,983	332,857
FUND BALANCE, Beginning	1,287,199	1,287,200	1	954,343
FUND BALANCE, Ending	\$ 742,079	\$ 1,124,063	\$ 381,984	\$ 1,287,200

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

Years Ended June 30,

	 2014	 2015	2016	_	2017
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	0.042%	0.042%	0.043%		0.045%
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 5,349,153	\$ 5,759,360	\$ 6,534,605	\$	13,403,321
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,732,228	\$ 1,982,536	\$ 1,873,024	\$	2,020,446
School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	308.8%	290.5%	348.9%		663.4%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	64.1%	62.8%	59.2%		43.1%

Note: Information above is presented as of the measurement date.

SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUST FUND

Years Ended June 30,

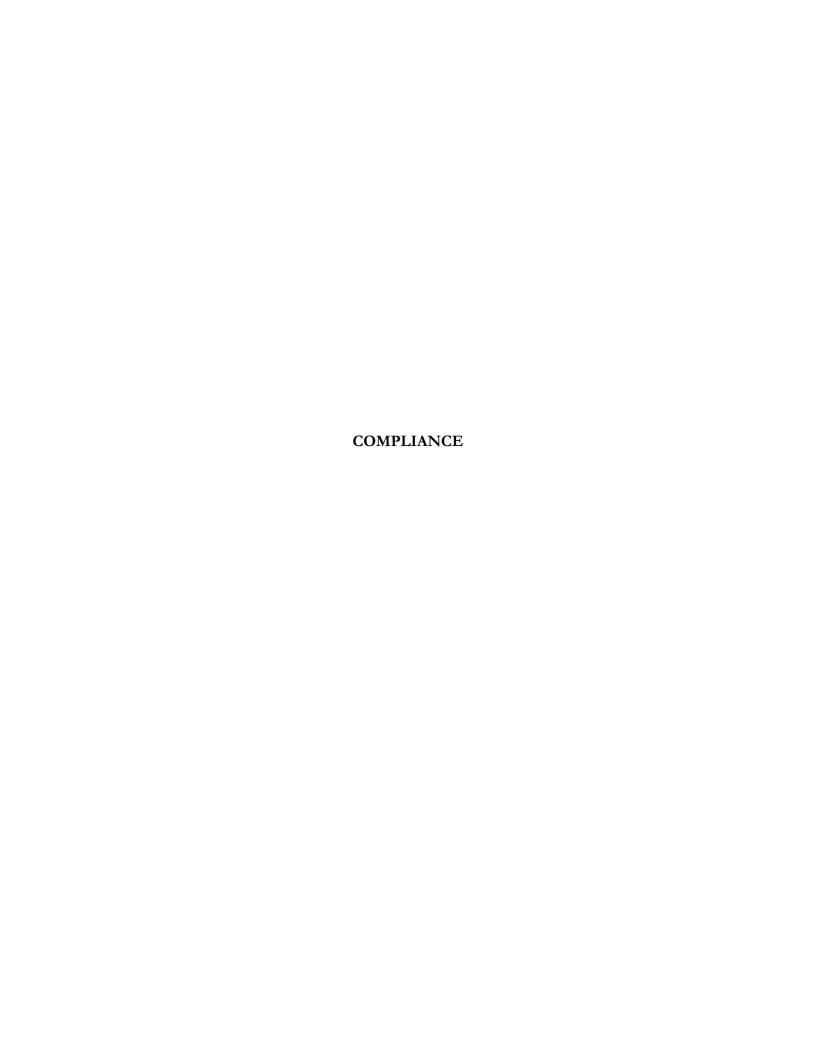
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Statutorily required contributions	\$ 295,035	\$ 355,851	\$ 351,355	\$ 418,590
Contributions in relation to the Statutorily required contributions	295,035	355,851	351,355	418,590
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,732,228	\$ 1,982,536	\$ 1,873,024	\$ 2,156,461
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	17.03%	17.95%	18.76%	19.41%



BUDGETARY COMPARISON STATEMENT BUILDING CORPORATION

Year Ended June 30, 2017

	2017									
	ORIGINAL FINAL BUDGET BUDGET		ACTUAL		VARIANCE Positive (Negative)		А	2016 CTUAL		
REVENUES										
Local Sources										
Interest Income	\$	22,640	\$	22,640	\$	41,276	\$	18,636	\$	38,883
Rent		423,464		423,464		422,464		(1,000)		422,464
Contributions					-	285,504		285,504		65,876
TOTAL REVENUES		446,104		446,104		749,244		303,140		527,223
EXPENDITURES										
Purchased Services		7,209		7,209		5,563		1,646		5,794
Other		-		90,000		47,463		42,537		22,870
Depreciation		211,101		211,101		218,886		(7,785)		216,405
Amortization		25,355		25,355		19,663		5,692		19,662
Debt Service										
Principal		220,263		220,263		235,082		(14,819)		227,554
Interest		196,072		196,072		189,773		6,299		186,282
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		660,000		750,000		716,430		33,570		678,567
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES										
(Budget Basis)	\$	(213,896)	\$	(303,896)		32,814	\$	336,710		(151,344)
Adjustments to Reconcile Budget Basis to GAA	ΛP Βα	asis								
Principal Payments						235,082				227,554
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE (GAAP Bas	is)					267,896				76,210
FUND BALANCE, Beginning						919,617				843,407
FUND BALANCE, Ending					\$ 1	1,187,513			\$	919,617





To the Board of Directors Aurora Academy Aurora, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aurora Academy Charter School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Aurora Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Aurora Academy'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 Aurora Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Aurora Academy's internal control.

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Aurora Academy Charter School'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

September 22, 2017

John Luther & Associates, LLC