

**Beaufort-Jasper  
Academy for Career Excellence**

*Report on Financial Statements*

*For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023*

# Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors  
Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence  
Ridgeland, South Carolina

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence (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 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 as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### 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 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 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 and *Government Auditing Standards* 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment 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 in 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 on 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 judgment, 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 management's discussion and analysis, pension schedules, OPEB schedules and budgetary comparison schedule, as listed in the Table of Contents, 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 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 basic financial statements. The supplementary information, as presented in the Table of Contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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 basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to 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 supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic 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 November 21, 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott Davis, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Columbia, South Carolina  
November 21, 2023

# Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

June 30, 2023

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This discussion by the management of Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence (the "Academy") represents a review and analysis of the financial performance of this multi-district career education center for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It is intended to be read in conjunction with the basic financial statements of the Academy, as presented with the report of the independent auditors.

### **Financial Highlights**

- Local revenue of \$2,762,887 represented 94% of the total general fund revenue of \$2,950,923.
- Local revenue of \$2,799,677 amounted to 81% of the total governmental fund revenue of \$3,444,185.
- Unassigned fund balance of \$392,266 in the general fund represented 11% of the general fund expenditures.

**Net Position** - The Academy's total net position as of June 30, 2023 was \$1,485,233. This amount reflects a decrease of \$475,876 from the net position of \$1,961,109 as of June 30, 2022 which is attributable to the continued increase cost of operating the Academy and increases in the Academy's pension and post-employment benefits other than pension obligations.

**Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Expenditures** - Governmental funds revenues totaled \$3,444,185, other financing sources/(uses) totaled \$5,655, and expenditures totaled \$3,924,577 for all governmental funds. Fund balances decreased by \$474,737. This is largely attributable to the increase in spending on support services and capital outlay during the year offset by increases in federal revenues.

**General Fund/Fund Balance** - The Academy's principal operating fund, the general fund, had \$3,032,919 in revenues and other financing sources and \$3,509,638 in expenditures and other financing uses, resulting in a net decrease in fund balance of \$476,719. This resulted in the general fund's fund balance decreasing from \$905,702 to \$428,983, or 13% of budgeted FY 2023 general fund expenditures.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The annual report has three main parts: management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements, and the supplementary information.

Management's discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the financial statements. The financial statements include: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements; additionally, this report includes supplementary information which provides additional detailed information.

**Government-wide financial statements** - These statements are structured similarly to those of a private business. The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities offer a broad look at the Academy for the reported year. Short-term and long-term information is provided, and all revenues and expenses are reported.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities give specific information on the financial position of the Academy. The financial position of the Academy may be impacted by a variety of factors such as funding from Beaufort County School District "BSCD" and Jasper County School District "JCS", state funding, grant activity, enrollments and completion, facility needs, and unfunded capital improvement mandates.

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June 30, 2023

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The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report governmental activities including instruction, support services, community services, intergovernmental, unallocated depreciation, interest and other charges, if applicable.

As discussed in Note 1 the activities of the Academy are supported primarily by Beaufort County School District and Jasper County School District.

***Fund financial statements*** - Fund grouping allows for a clear and orderly means of tracking and accounting for specific funds and their related expenditures. This is essential for assuring compliance with the various legal and compliance requirements. All funds can typically be divided into: 1) governmental funds, 2) proprietary funds, or 3) fiduciary funds. The Academy has no proprietary or fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds constitute all of the Academy's finances, services, and activities. These funds are reported on a modified accrual accounting basis. This allows for an understandable view of worth and facilitates comparison with prior or subsequent year activity. This is important for short-term and long-range planning. The variance and relationships between governmental activities and governmental funds are reported in the financial statements.

***Notes to the basic financial statements*** - The notes are intended to provide information to facilitate an understanding of the reported financial data.

***Other supplementary information*** - These reports offer required information in support of the financial statements. The various schedules guide budget comparison. Some information is required by the South Carolina Department of Education.

### **Governmental Activities**

The Academy continued its conservative financial management approach for the fiscal year 2022-2023, ending the year with a cumulative fund balance of \$538,711.

### **Business Activities**

The Academy has no activity that falls into this category.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Through careful planning and spending, the Academy was able to maintain general fund balance equal to 58% of total general fund assets. The Academy has maintained a positive fund balance for twelve consecutive years. The unassigned fund balance for the general fund now stands at \$392,266.

### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

***Capital assets*** - The Academy has \$5,611,014 invested in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation.

***Long-term debt*** - The Academy had no long-term debt at June 30, 2023.

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## *Management's Discussion and Analysis*

*June 30, 2023*

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### **Economic Factors and Implications for the Next Year**

Beaufort and Jasper Counties, like the rest of the nation, continue to experience long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Inflationary conditions continue to put pressure on the budget including salaries and benefits, which is a significant portion of the budget. Following Beaufort County School District's teacher salary schedule, significant increases were needed and approved in the FY 2024 budget to recruit and retain highly qualified employees. Additionally, the cost of food and construction outpaced the overall inflation rate, which impacts the instructional materials used in some of Academy's most popular programs. Supply chain issues also remain a concern when acquiring supplies and materials for programs. Both School Districts have increased their FY 2024 budget allocations to the Academy to cover the increased costs.

Beaufort and Jasper Counties continue to experience growth in terms of commercial and residential building. The tax base continues to grow with the development of real estate. Concurrently, the SC Legislature passed into law Act 388 (H4449); a formula that funds education based on sales tax and the ability to tax only non-owner occupied property. Education funds now flow from the state to the districts. The local legislation, upon which the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence was founded, outlines funding of operations 2/3 by BCSD and 1/3 by JCSD. Absent the full financial support of either JCSD or BCSD, the Academy would cease to operate in its present capacity.

### **Requests for Information**

This report is offered as a general overview of the Academy's finances, and as an indicator of accountability and performance. Any requests for information regarding this report or Academy finances should be directed to Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence, 80 Lowcountry Drive, Ridgeland, South Carolina 29936.

## Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

### Statement of Net Position

As of June 30, 2023

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Current assets</b>	
Cash	\$ 286,304
Deposits with Beaufort County Treasurer	63,731
Prepaid expenses and other	36,717
Due from Beaufort County School District	133,556
Due from Jasper County School District	75,921
Due from other governmental units	141,741
Total current assets	<u>737,970</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>	
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	5,611,014
Total non-current assets	<u>5,611,014</u>
Total assets	<u>6,348,984</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	
Deferred outflows - pension	595,589
Deferred outflows - OPEB	914,726
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>1,510,315</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable	8,532
Accrued expenses	187,685
Unearned revenue	3,042
Total current liabilities	<u>199,259</u>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	
Pension obligation	2,878,267
OPEB obligation	2,283,602
Accrued compensated absences	21,678
Total long-term liabilities	<u>5,183,547</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,382,806</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	
Deferred inflows - pension	13,531
Deferred inflows - OPEB	977,729
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>991,260</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	5,611,014
Restricted for student activities	109,728
Unrestricted	(4,235,509)
Total net position	<u>\$ 1,485,233</u>

**See Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

## Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

### Statement of Activities

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023

<u>Functions/programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program revenues</u> <u>Operating</u> <u>grants and</u> <u>contributions</u>	<u>Net revenue</u> <u>(expense) and</u> <u>changes in</u> <u>net position</u> <u>Governmental</u> <u>activities</u>
Governmental activities			
Instruction	\$ 1,962,379	\$ 1,833,672	\$ (128,707)
Support services	1,671,728	1,515,249	(156,479)
Intergovernmental	-	30,144	30,144
Unallocated depreciation	291,609	-	(291,609)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 3,925,716</u>	<u>\$ 3,379,065</u>	<u>(546,651)</u>
General revenues:			
Other			65,120
Gain on disposal of capital assets			5,655
Total general revenues			<u>70,775</u>
Change in net position			(475,876)
Net position, beginning of year			1,961,109
Net position, end of year			<u>\$ 1,485,233</u>

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

## Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

### Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

As of June 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Special Projects	Education Improvement Act	
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash	\$ 286,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 286,304
Deposits with Beaufort County Treasurer	63,731	-	-	63,731
Prepaid items and other	36,717	-	-	36,717
Due from Beaufort County School District	133,556	-	-	133,556
Due from Jasper County School District	75,921	-	-	75,921
Due from other governmental units	-	141,741	-	141,741
Due from other funds	141,743	114,348	-	256,091
Total assets	<u>\$ 737,972</u>	<u>\$ 256,089</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 994,061</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 8,532	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,532
Accrued expenses	187,685	-	-	187,685
Unearned revenue	-	3,042	-	3,042
Due to other funds	112,772	143,319	-	256,091
Total liabilities	<u>308,989</u>	<u>146,361</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>455,350</u>
<b>Fund balances</b>				
Nonspendable	36,717	-	-	36,717
Restricted for student activities	-	109,728	-	109,728
Unassigned	392,266	-	-	392,266
Total fund balances	<u>428,983</u>	<u>109,728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>538,711</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 737,972</u>	<u>\$ 256,089</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 994,061</u>

Reconciliation of governmental funds balance sheet to the Statement of Net Position:

Total governmental fund balances	\$ 538,711
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because of the following:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in governmental funds. The cost of capital assets is \$10,115,418 and the accumulated depreciation is \$4,504,404.	5,611,014
Pension related deferrals	307,522
OPEB related deferrals	(170,299)
Contributions to the pension plans in the current year	274,536
Contributions to the OPEB plans in the current year	107,296
Net pension obligation	(2,878,267)
Net OPEB obligation	(2,283,602)
Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	(21,678)
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,485,233</u>

**See Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

## Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Special Projects	Education Improvement Act	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local sources	\$ 2,762,887	\$ 36,790	\$ -	\$ 2,799,677
Intergovernmental sources	30,144	-	-	30,144
State sources	157,892	-	208,418	366,310
Federal sources	-	248,054	-	248,054
Total revenues	<u>2,950,923</u>	<u>284,844</u>	<u>208,418</u>	<u>3,444,185</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Current				
Instruction	1,831,454	21,384	109,183	1,962,021
Support services	1,520,240	60,025	3,400	1,583,665
Capital outlay	157,944	201,453	19,494	378,891
Total expenditures	<u>3,509,638</u>	<u>282,862</u>	<u>132,077</u>	<u>3,924,577</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(558,715)</u>	<u>1,982</u>	<u>76,341</u>	<u>(480,392)</u>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>				
Sale of capital assets	5,655	-	-	5,655
Transfers in	76,341	-	-	76,341
Transfers out	-	-	(76,341)	(76,341)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>81,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(76,341)</u>	<u>5,655</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>(476,719)</u>	<u>1,982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(474,737)</u>
<b>Fund balances, beginning of year</b>	<u>905,702</u>	<u>107,746</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,013,448</u>
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 428,983</u>	<u>\$ 109,728</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 538,711</u>

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

## Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

### Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (from Exhibit 4) \$ (474,737)

**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities  
are different because of the following:**

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense (\$291,609) exceeded capital items acquired (\$378,891). 87,282

Contributions to the pension plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities. 274,536

A 1% contribution made by the State directly to PEBA on employer's behalf in fiscal year 2022 is not included on the Statement of Activities as the measurement date for fiscal year 2023 is a year in arrears. Revenues and expenditures of \$13,320 are excluded from the Statement of Activities. -

A 1% contribution made by the State directly to PEBA on employer's behalf in the prior fiscal year is not reported as revenue in the governmental funds but is included on the Statement of Activities as the measurement date for fiscal year 2022 is a year in arrears. 13,320

Contributions to the OPEB plan in the current fiscal year are not included on the Statement of Activities. 107,296

Non-employer contributions related to OPEB made by PEBA on behalf of the Academy in the prior fiscal year are not reported as revenue in the governmental funds but are included on the Statement of Activities as the measurement date for fiscal year 2022 is a year in arrears. 339

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Academy's portion of net pension related expenses (301,599)

Academy's portion of net OPEB related expenses (181,955)

In the Statement of Activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences (vacation pay) - are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used. This is the amount by which the current year accrual exceeds the amounts paid. (358)

Change in net position of governmental activities \$ (475,876)

See Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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# Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence (the "Academy") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The Academy also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") statements and interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental funds provided they do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The Academy's significant accounting principles are described below.

#### A. Reporting Entity

The Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence was created by an agreement between the Beaufort County School District and the Jasper County School District (collectively, the "School Districts") dated June 13, 1975, under the provisions of legislation enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina. The Academy operates as a vocational school for high school students in Beaufort and Jasper Counties.

The Academy's Board of Directors is comprised of three members from each of the Boards of Education of the School Districts, along with the Superintendent of the School Districts, in an ex officio capacity. Budgetary controls are held by the Board of Education of the School Districts.

The Academy's financial statements include all funds over which the Board of Directors is considered to be financially accountable. The Academy receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the Academy is not included in any other governmental reporting entity because it does not meet the financial accountability criteria for inclusion established by governmental accounting standards. Board members have decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and the primary accountability for fiscal matters.

The Academy has determined that there are no support entities (such as parent-teacher organizations, foundations and athletic booster clubs) that meet the requirements for inclusion as a discretely presented component unit.

#### Economic dependency:

The agreement between the Beaufort County School District and the Jasper County School District states that the responsibility for the general fund's costs of maintenance, support, and operation of the Academy shall be borne jointly and on an enrollment ratio of two to one, respectively. Beaufort County School District assumes the responsibility for two-thirds of these costs and Jasper County School District assumes the responsibility for one-third of these costs.

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## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### B. Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Academy are presented as follows:

**Government-wide financial statements** - The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Academy as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the Academy. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The statements distinguish between those activities of the Academy that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in part by fees charged to external parties. The Academy has no business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This approach differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the Academy's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Academy, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Academy.

**Fund financial statements** - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Academy. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Non-major funds, if any, are denoted as such.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and current liabilities, and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

#### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

##### Fund accounting:

The Academy uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Academy functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

# Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, Continued

##### Governmental funds:

Governmental funds focus on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is separated as fund balance. The following are the Academy's governmental funds:

**General fund (major fund)** - to account for all financial transactions not properly accounted for in another fund. The Academy uses this fund to account for expenditures principally for administration, instruction, pupil services, operation and maintenance of plant and related fixed charges.

**Special revenue funds (major funds)** - to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than debt service or major capital projects) that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for specified programs. The Academy has two special revenue funds:

- (1) The Education Improvement Act ("EIA") Fund, a fund used to account for the revenue from the Education Improvement Act of 1984 and legally required to be accounted for as a specific revenue source.
- (2) Special Projects Fund, a fund used to account for financial resources provided by federal, state, and local projects and grants, as well as for student activities.

##### Basis of accounting:

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. On the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues and expenditures are recognized when they become both measurable and available.

Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, are recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Academy, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year-end.

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting, Continued

##### Basis of accounting, continued:

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Academy receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include funds from Beaufort County School District and Jasper County School District, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from Beaufort County School District and Jasper County School District, grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Academy must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Academy on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized. Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be both measurable and available (unless not received within sixty days) at fiscal year-end: funds from Beaufort County School District and Jasper County School District, interest, tuition, grants, student fees and rentals.

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied.

#### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

**Cash and investments** - South Carolina statutes authorize investments in certificates of deposit, savings accounts, repurchase agreements, the State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool (invested in government guaranteed securities), obligations of the U.S. Government, and government agencies unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Investments are recorded at fair value.

The Beaufort County Treasurer invests in authorized instruments on behalf of the Academy. At June 30, 2023, there was \$63,731 on deposit with the Beaufort County Treasurer. The Beaufort County Treasurer invests Academy and other entity funds on a pooled basis with the Treasurer of the State of South Carolina. The State Treasurer invests in certificates of deposit, insured savings accounts, repurchase agreements, obligations of the United States government and government agencies guaranteed by the United States government.

**Interfund receivables and payables** - During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. On fund financial statements, these receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet. These amounts are eliminated in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position.

**Capital assets** - General capital assets are those assets that generally result from expenditures in the governmental funds. These assets are reported in the governmental activities column of the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the fund financial statements.

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity, Continued

All capital assets are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost). Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair values as of the date received. The cost and accumulated depreciation of property sold or retired are removed from the accounts, and gains or losses, if any, are reflected in revenue or expenditures/expenses for the year. The Academy maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The Academy does not possess any infrastructure. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend an asset's life are expensed. All reported capital assets are depreciated. Improvements are depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Estimated Lives</u>
Improvements	15 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 - 20 years
Technology/software	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 10 years

**Compensated absences** - Vacation leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of forty-five days and is fully vested when earned. The entire compensated absence liability is reported on the government-wide financial statements.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is the amount which has matured and is expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts, when material, are recorded in the account "compensated absences payable" in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

**Accrued liabilities and long-term obligations** - All payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements.

In general, payables and accrued liabilities that will be paid from governmental funds are reported on the governmental fund financial statements regardless of whether they will be liquidated with current resources. However, claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they will be paid with current, expendable, available financial resources. In general, payments made within sixty days after year end are considered to have been made with current available financial resources. Long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are not recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements until due.

**Unearned/unavailable revenue** - Unearned and unavailable revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as unearned revenue. On the governmental fund balance sheets, receivables that will not be collected within sixty days are reported as unavailable revenue. At June 30, 2023, unearned revenues was comprised of grant revenues of \$3,042.

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity, Continued

**Fund balances, equity and net position** - The Academy has five classifications of governmental fund balances: nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. Where applicable, these classifications are presented on the face of the governmental funds balance sheet.

For the government-wide financial statements, the Academy applies restricted resources when an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available. For the governmental funds financial statements, the Academy applies committed, then assigned, then unassigned resources when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets reduced by accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of the related assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through the enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

**Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources** - Changes in net pension liability and net OPEB liability not included in pension expense are reported as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources. Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability are reported as deferred outflows of resources.

**Pensions** - For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the South Carolina Retirement System ("SCRS") and additions to/deductions from SCRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SCRS. 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.

**Postemployment benefits other than pensions ("OPEB")** - For purposes of measuring the Academy's net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund ("SCRHITF"), and additions to/deductions from the SCRHITF fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the SCRHITF. For this purpose, the SCRHITF recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for money market investments and participating interest earning investment contracts that have a maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less, which are reported at cost.

**Interfund activity** - Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

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# Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

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### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

#### D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity, Continued

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the Academy's financial position and results of operations and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### E. New Accounting Standards

In May 2020, GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement (1) defines a subscription-based information technology arrangement ("SBITA"); (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset – an intangible asset – and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. The requirements of this Statement are effective for the year ending June 30, 2023. The Academy adopted this standard on July 1, 2022; however, the new standard did not materially change or impact the Academy's financial statements.

#### F. Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Academy's management has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 21, 2023, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

### Note 2. Financial Condition and Future Considerations

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Academy reported a deficiency of revenues under expenditures of \$480,392. As of June 30, 2023, the Academy held an unassigned fund balance of \$392,266, or 11% of budgeted FY 2024 expenditures. However, the Academy faces ongoing challenges as operating expenditures continue to outpace local revenues. To maintain operations, the School Districts will be required to increase their annual obligations to the Academy to offset rising costs of salaries, benefits, supplies, materials, and other expenses. Through the date of this report, there have been approved 10% increases in annual allocations from both the Beaufort County School District and Jasper County School District for FY 2025 aimed at mitigating rising costs. The annual budget process will dictate the timing of these decisions.

Additionally, a facilities assessment conducted in 2022 revealed the need for substantial upgrades in electrical, plumbing, roofing, and interiors to ensure the facility remains suitable for students, staff, and educational purposes. The estimated costs for these necessary improvements exceed \$11,000,000. The operational budget lacks the capacity to fund major building repairs or improvements. Under the existing agreement between the Beaufort County School District and Jasper County School District, any capital improvement expenses are to be equally shared. Without additional financial support, the long-term financial state of the Academy is at risk. Presently, there is no established plan to address these facility upgrades.

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#### Note 3. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

The budgetary data reflected in the financial statements is prepared and adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The following procedures are used in establishing budgetary data:

- (1) Annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund.
- (2) Any amendment to the budget or any budgeted line item changes require board approval.

The budget is used as a management control device during the year for the general fund.

Encumbrances represent uncompleted purchase orders, contracts and other commitments outstanding at year-end and are recorded as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. The Academy's encumbrances lapse at year-end.

#### Note 4. Deposits, Amounts on Deposit with Beaufort County Treasurer and Investments

The Academy is authorized by South Carolina state law to invest in the following types of investments:

- (1) Obligations of the United States and agencies thereof.
- (2) General obligations of the State of South Carolina or any of its political units.
- (3) Banks and savings and loan associations to the extent they are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- (4) Deposits in certificates of deposit where the certificates are collaterally secured by securities of the type described in (1) and (2) above held by a third party as escrow agent or custodian, of a market value not less than the amount of the certificate of deposit so secured, including interest.
- (5) The State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool (monitored by the State Treasurer for investments invested in government guaranteed securities in accordance with South Carolina State laws).
- (6) Repurchase agreements.

**Custodial credit risk** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that the Academy's deposits will not be returned to it. The Academy has no formal policy regarding custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2023, the carrying amount of the Academy's deposits was \$286,304 and the bank balance was \$544,612. The total cash balances are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000 per bank. The deposit amounts exceeding FDIC insurance coverage were fully collateralized as of June 30, 2023. Information was not available regarding the custodial risk of deposits with the Beaufort County Treasurer.

**Credit risk** - South Carolina statutes authorize investments in certificates of deposit, savings accounts, repurchase agreements, the State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool, obligations of the U.S. Government and government agencies unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government. The Academy has no investment policy that would further restrict its choices.

**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.

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### Note 5. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Balance, July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions/ Transfers</u>	<u>Deletions/ Transfers</u>	<u>Balance, June 30, 2023</u>
<b>Governmental activities</b>				
Capital assets, being depreciated				
Improvements	\$ 7,107,236	\$ 221,209	\$ -	\$ 7,328,445
Furniture and equipment	1,339,132	59,062	6,300	1,391,894
Technology/software	1,144,130	21,325	19,886	1,145,569
Vehicles	<u>172,215</u>	<u>77,295</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>249,510</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated	<u>9,762,713</u>	<u>378,891</u>	<u>26,186</u>	<u>10,115,418</u>
Totals at historical cost	<u>9,762,713</u>	<u>378,891</u>	<u>26,186</u>	<u>10,115,418</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Improvements	1,866,200	194,004	-	2,060,204
Furniture and equipment	1,139,877	77,015	6,300	1,210,592
Technology/software	1,096,798	14,748	19,886	1,091,660
Vehicles	<u>136,106</u>	<u>5,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,948</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>4,238,981</u>	<u>291,609</u>	<u>26,186</u>	<u>4,504,404</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>5,523,732</u>	<u>87,282</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,611,014</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 5,523,732</u>	<u>\$ 87,282</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,611,014</u>

The Academy does not allocate depreciation expense to the various governmental functions.

### Note 6. Long-Term Obligations

A summary of changes in long-term obligations follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>
Accrued compensated absences	<u>\$ 21,320</u>	<u>\$ 10,520</u>	<u>\$ (10,162)</u>	<u>\$ 21,678</u>

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### Note 7. Transfers In/Out

During the course of normal operations, the Academy has transactions between funds that are generally reflected as transfers. Transfers related to moving teacher salary supplements and benefits to the fund from which they were paid. Total transfers during the year ended June 30, 2023 consisted of the following individual fund amounts:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund	\$ 76,341	\$ -
Education Improvement Act Fund	-	76,341
	<u>\$ 76,341</u>	<u>\$ 76,341</u>

### Note 8. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund balances at June 30, 2023 consisted of the following individual fund receivables and payables:

	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>
General Fund	\$ 141,743	\$ 112,772
Special Projects Fund	114,348	143,319
Education Improvement Act Fund	-	-
	<u>\$ 256,091</u>	<u>\$ 256,091</u>

Interfund balances largely result from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

### Note 9. Pension Plans

#### Description of the entity:

The South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (“PEBA”), created July 1, 2012, is the state agency responsible for the administration and management of the various retirement systems and benefit programs of the state of South Carolina, including the State Optional Retirement Program and the S.C. Deferred Compensation Program, as well as the state’s employee insurance programs. As such, PEBA is responsible for administering the South Carolina Retirement Systems’ (the “Systems”) five defined benefit pension plans.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Systems and additions to/deductions from the Systems fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis of accounting as they are reported by the Systems in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Benefit and refund expenses are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Investments are reported at fair value.

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#### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

##### Description of the entity, continued:

PEBA issues an Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (“ACFR”) containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the Systems’ Pension Trust Funds. The ACFR is publicly available on PEBA’s website at [www.peba.sc.gov](http://www.peba.sc.gov), or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA, 202 Arbor Lake Drive, Columbia, SC 29223. PEBA is a division of the primary government of the state of South Carolina and therefore, retirement trust fund financial information is also included in the ACFR for the state.

##### Plan descriptions:

The South Carolina Retirement System (“SCRS”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established July 1, 1945, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-1-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement and other benefits for teachers and employees of the state and its political subdivisions. SCRS covers employees of state agencies, public school districts and participating charter schools, public higher education institutions, other participating local subdivisions of government and first-term individuals elected to the South Carolina General Assembly.

The State Optional Retirement Program (State ORP) is a defined contribution plan that is offered as an alternative to SCRS to newly hired state, public higher education institution and public school district employees, as well as first-term individuals elected to the South Carolina General Assembly. State ORP participants direct the investment of their funds into an account administered by one of four third party service providers. PEBA assumes no liability for State ORP benefits. Rather, the benefits are the liability of the four third party service providers. For this reason, State ORP assets are not part of the retirement systems’ trust funds for financial statement purposes.

##### Membership:

Membership requirements are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A brief summary of the requirements under each system is presented below.

**SCRS** - Generally, all employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. This plan covers general employees and teachers and first-term individuals elected to the South Carolina General Assembly. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

**State ORP** - As an alternative to membership in SCRS, newly hired state, public higher education institution and public school district employees, as well as first-term individuals elected to the South Carolina General Assembly have the option to participate in the State ORP. Contributions to the State ORP are at the same rates as SCRS. A direct remittance is required from the employer to the member’s account with the ORP service provider for the employee contribution and a portion of the employer contribution (5 percent). A direct remittance is also required to SCRS for the remaining portion of the employer contribution and an incidental death benefit contribution, if applicable, which is retained by SCRS.

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#### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

##### Benefits:

Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms without a legislative change in the code of laws. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation/current annual salary. A brief summary of the benefit terms for each system is presented below.

**SCRS** - A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable service equals at least 90 years. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five- or eight-year earned service requirement, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program.

The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provisions at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after reaching age 60 or the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

##### Contributions:

Actuarial valuations are performed annually by an external consulting actuary to ensure applicable contribution rates satisfy the funding parameters specified in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Employee contribution rates are capped at 9.00 percent for SCRS. In accordance with the legislative funding schedule, employer contribution rates will continue to increase by 1 percentage point each year until reaching 18.56 percent for SCRS but may be increased further, if the scheduled contributions are not sufficient to meet the funding periods set for the applicable year. The board shall increase the employer contribution rates as necessary to meet the amortization period set in statute.

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### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

#### Contributions, continued:

Additionally, the Board is prohibited from decreasing the SCRS contribution rate until the funded ratio is at least 85 percent.

Required **employee** contribution rates<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Fiscal Year 2022</u> <sup>1</sup>
<b>SCRS</b>		
Employee Class Two	9.00%	9.00%
Employee Class Three	9.00%	9.00%
<b>State ORP</b>		
Employee	9.00%	9.00%

Required **employer** contribution rates<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2023</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Fiscal Year 2022</u> <sup>1</sup>
<b>SCRS</b>		
Employer Class Two	17.41%	16.41%
Employer Class Three	17.41%	16.41%
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.15%	0.15%
<b>State ORP</b>		
Employer Contribution <sup>2</sup>	17.41%	16.41%
Employer Incidental Death Benefit	0.15%	0.15%

<sup>1</sup> Calculated on earnable compensation as defined in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

<sup>2</sup> Of this employer contribution, 5% of earnable compensation must be remitted by the employer directly to the ORP service provider to be allocated to the member's account with the remainder of the employer contribution remitted to the SCRS.

Contributions to the SCRS and ORP pension plans from the Academy were \$274,536 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### Non-employer contributions:

Employer's proportionate shares were calculated on the basis of employer contributions remitted to the plan by employers and non-employer contributions appropriated in the State's budget. In an effort to offset a portion of the burden of the increased contribution requirement for employers, the General Assembly provided funding in fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for credit towards employer contributions for most employers participating in SCRS. For the year ended June 30, 2022 measurement period, PEBA provided non-employer contributions to the Academy in the amount of \$13,320 which is shown as a reduction of net pension liability and other grant revenue in the year ended June 30, 2023 financial statements which are presented on the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting.

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### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

Pension expense:

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Academy recognized pension expense for the SCRS plan of \$301,599.

Actuarial assumptions and methods:

Actuarial valuations of the plan involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and future salary increases. Amounts determined regarding the net pension liability (“NPL”) are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. An experience report on the Systems was most recently issued for the period ending June 30, 2019.

The June 30, 2022, total pension liability (TPL), NPL, and sensitivity information shown in this report were determined by the Systems’ consulting actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith and Company (GRS) and are based on an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2021. The TPL was rolled-forward from the valuation date to the plans’ fiscal year end, June 30, 2022, using generally accepted actuarial principles. There was no legislation enacted during the 2022 legislative session that had a material change in the benefit provisions for any of the Systems.

The following table provides a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used to calculate the TPL as of June 30, 2022.

	SCRS
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal
Investment rate of return <sup>1</sup>	7%
Projected salary increases	3.0% to 11.0% (varies by service) <sup>1</sup>
Benefit adjustments	Lesser of 1% or \$500 annually

<sup>1</sup> Includes inflation at 2.25%

The post-retiree mortality assumption is dependent upon the member’s job category and gender. The base mortality assumptions, the 2020 Public Retirees of South Carolina Mortality table (“2020 PRSC”), was developed using the Systems’ mortality experience. These base rates are adjusted for future improvement in mortality using 80% of Scale UMP projected from the year 2020.

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#### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

Actuarial assumptions and methods, continued:

Assumptions used in the determination of the June 30, 2022, TPL are as follows.

Former Job Class	Males	Females
Educators	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 95%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 94%
General Employees and Members of the General Assembly	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 97%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 107%
Public Safety and Firefighters	2020 PRSC Males multiplied by 127%	2020 PRSC Females multiplied by 107%

Net pension liability:

The NPL is calculated separately for each system and represents that particular system's TPL determined in accordance with GASB No. 67 less that System's fiduciary net position. NPL totals, as of June 30, 2022, for SCRS are presented below.

System	Total Pension Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Employers' Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
SCRS	\$ 56,454,779,872	\$ 32,212,626,932	\$ 24,242,152,940	57.1%

The TPL is calculated by the System's actuary, and each plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the System's financial statements. The NPL is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB 67 in the Systems' notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Systems' actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Nos. 67 and 68 are not applicable for other purposes, such as determining the plans' funding requirements.

At June 30, 2023, the Academy reported a liability of \$2,878,267 for its proportionate share of the SCRS NPL. The Academy's proportionate share of the NPL was based on a projection of the Academy's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2023, the Academy's proportionate share of the SCRS plan at the measurement date of June 30, 2022 was 0.01187%.

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### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

#### Deferred inflows of resources and deferred outflows of resources:

At June 30, 2023, the Academy 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>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 25,007	\$ 12,543
Changes of assumptions	92,313	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	4,439	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Academy contributions and proportionate share of contributions	199,294	988
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>274,536</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 595,589</u>	<u>\$ 13,531</u>

The Academy reported \$274,536 as of June 30, 2023 as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date for the SCRS plan which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending 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 for the SCRS plan:

2024	\$ 161,569
2025	106,569
2026	(35,638)
2027	<u>75,022</u>
	<u>\$ 307,522</u>

#### Long-term expected rate of return:

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is based upon 20-year capital market assumptions. The long-term expected rates of returns represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach primarily based on consensus expectations and market-based inputs. Expected returns are net of investment fees.

The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2022 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation and is summarized in the table below. For actuarial purposes, the 7.00 percent assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the TPL includes a 4.75 percent real rate of return and a 2.25 percent inflation component.

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### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

Long-term expected rate of return, continued:

Allocation/Exposure	Policy target	Expected arithmetic real rate of return	Long-term expected portfolio real rate of return
Public Equity	46.0%	6.79%	3.12%
Bonds	26.0%	(0.35)%	(0.09)%
Private Equity <sup>1</sup>	9.0%	8.75%	0.79%
Private Debt <sup>1</sup>	7.0%	6.00%	0.42%
<b>Real Assets:</b>			
Real Estate <sup>1</sup>	9.0%	4.12%	0.37%
Infrastructure <sup>1</sup>	3.0%	5.88%	0.18%
<b>Total expected return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0%</b>		<b>4.79%</b>
Inflation for actuarial purposes			2.25%
			<b>7.04%</b>

<sup>1</sup> RSIC staff and consultant will notify the Commission if the collective exposure to Private Equity, Private Debt and Private Real Assets exceeds 30 percent of total plan assets. <sup>2</sup> Staff and Consultant will notify the Commission if Private Markets assets exceed 25% of total assets.

<sup>2</sup> Portable Alpha Strategies, which are not included in the Policy Target, will be capped at 12% of total assets; hedge funds (including all hedge funds used in portable alpha implementation) are capped at 15% of total assets.

Discount rate:

The discount rate used to measure the TPL was 7.0 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers in SCRS and PORS will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all the projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the TPL.

Sensitivity analysis:

The following table presents the collective NPL of the Academy calculated using the discount rate of 7.0 percent, as well as what the Academy's NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.0 percent lower (6 percent) or 1.0 percent higher (8.0 percent) than the current rate.

<b>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate</b>			
System	1.0% Decrease (6.0%)	Discount Rate (7.0%)	1.0% Increase (8.0%)
SCRS	\$ 3,690,287	\$ 2,878,267	\$ 2,203,169

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#### Note 9. Pension Plans, Continued

##### Additional financial and actuarial information:

Information contained in this Note was compiled from the Systems' audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and the accounting valuation report as of June 30, 2021. Additional financial information supporting the preparation of the Schedules of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer (including the unmodified audit opinion on the financial statements and required supplementary information) is available in the Systems' ACFR.

#### Note 10. Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

##### General information:

The Academy also participates in the State of South Carolina's employee insurance programs. As previously discussed, PEBA – Insurance Benefits is a state agency responsible for the administration and management of the state's employee insurance programs, other post-employment benefits trusts and retirement systems and is considered a division of the State of South Carolina primary government (the "State"), and therefore, the financial information of the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund ("SCRHITF") is also included in the ACFR of the State.

##### Plan descriptions:

The SCRHITF was created to fund and account for the employer costs of the State's retiree health and dental plans.

In accordance with Act 195, the SCRHITF is administered by the PEBA – Insurance Benefits and the State Treasurer is the custodian of the funds held in trust. The Board of Directors of PEBA has been designated as the Trustee.

The SCRHITF is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan. Article 5 of the State Code of Laws defines the plan and authorizes the Trustee to at any time adjust the plan, including its benefits and contributions, as necessary to insure the fiscal stability of the plan. In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and the annual Appropriations Act, the State provides post-employment health and dental benefits to retired State and school district employees and their covered dependents.

##### Benefits:

The SCRHITF is a healthcare plan that covers retired employees of the State of South Carolina, including all agencies, and public school districts. The SCRHITF provides health and dental insurance benefits to eligible retirees. Generally, retirees are eligible for the health and dental benefits if they have established at least ten years of retirement service credit. For new hires beginning employment May 2, 2008 and after, retirees are eligible for benefits if they have established 25 years of service for 100% employer funding and 15-24 years of service for 50% employer funding.

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#### Note 10. Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB), Continued

##### Contributions and funding policy:

Section 1-11-710 of the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, requires these postemployment benefits to be funded through non-employer and employer contributions for active employees and retirees to the PEBA - Insurance Benefits.

The SCRHITF is funded through participating employers that are mandated by the State statute to contribute at a rate assessed each year by the Department of Administration Executive Budget Office on active employee covered payroll. The covered payroll surcharge for the year ended June 30, 2022, the measurement period, was 6.25 percent. The South Carolina Retirement System collects the monthly covered payroll surcharge for all participating employers and remits it directly to the SCRHITF. Other sources of funding for the SCRHITF also include the implicit subsidy, or age-related subsidy inherent in the healthcare premiums structure. The implicit subsidy represents a portion of the health care expenditures paid on behalf of the employer's active employees. For purposes of GASB Statement No. 75, this expenditure on behalf of the active employee is reclassified as a retiree health care expenditure so that the employer's contributions towards the plan reflect the underlying age-adjusted, retiree benefit costs. Non-employer contributions consist of an annual appropriation by the General Assembly and the statutorily required transfer from PEBA – Insurance Benefits reserves. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it has had on the PEBA – Insurance Benefits reserves, the General Assembly has indefinitely suspended the statutorily required transfer until further notice. The SCRHITF is also funded through investment income.

For the SCRHITF, the allocation percentage is based on the covered payroll surcharge contribution for each employer. Please note that actual covered payroll contributions received from SCRS for the fiscal year 2022 totaled \$615,405,810. However, the covered payroll contributions total includes prior year covered payroll contribution adjustments and true-ups that net to a total of \$1,094,627.

In accordance with part (b) of paragraph 69 of GASB Statement No. 75, participating employers should recognize revenue in an amount equal to the employer's proportionate share of the change in the collective net OPEB liability arising from contributions to the OPEB plan during the measurement period from non-employer contributing entities for purposes other than the separate financing of specific liabilities to the OPEB plan. Therefore, employers should classify this revenue in the same manner as it classifies grants from other entities.

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the OPEB Trusts, and additions to and deductions from the OPEB Trusts fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they were reported by the OPEB Trusts. For this purpose, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Therefore, benefit and administrative expenses are recognized when due and payable. Investments are reported at fair value.

Contributions to the SCRHITF plan from the Academy totaled \$107,296 for the year ended June 30, 2022 (the measurement period).

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#### Note 10. Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB), Continued

##### Net OPEB liability and OPEB expense:

The Net OPEB Liability (“NOL”) represents the Trust’s Total OPEB Liability (“TOL”) determined in accordance with GASB No. 74 less the Trust’s fiduciary net position. The allocation of each employer’s proportionate share of the collective Net OPEB Liability and collective OPEB Expense was determined using the employer’s payroll-related contributions over the measurement period. This method is expected to be reflective of the employer’s long-term contribution effort as well as be transparent to individual employers and their external auditors.

The following table represents the components of the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, and 2017:

SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND				
Fiscal Year Ending	Total OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net OPEB Liability	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total OPEB Liability
June 30, 2022	\$ 16,835,502,593	\$ 1,623,661,403	\$ 15,211,841,190	9.64%
June 30, 2021	\$ 22,506,597,989	\$ 1,683,416,992	\$ 20,823,180,997	7.48%
June 30, 2020	\$ 19,703,745,672	\$ 1,652,299,185	\$ 18,051,446,487	8.39%
June 30, 2019	\$ 16,516,264,617	\$ 1,394,740,049	\$ 15,121,524,568	8.44%
June 30, 2018	\$ 15,387,115,010	\$ 1,216,530,062	\$ 14,170,584,948	7.91%
June 30, 2017	\$ 14,659,610,970	\$ 1,114,774,760	\$ 13,544,836,210	7.60%

The TOL is calculated by the Trust’s actuary, and the Trust’s fiduciary net position is reported in the Trust’s financial statements. The NOL is disclosed in accordance with the requirements of GASB No. 74 in the Trust’s notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information. Liability calculations performed by the Trust’s actuary for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of GASB Nos. 74 and 75 and are not applicable for other purposes, such as determining the Trust’s funding requirements.

At June 30, 2023, the Academy reported a liability of \$2,283,602 for its proportionate share of the SCRHITF net OPEB liability, measured at June 30, 2022.

At June 30, 2023, the Academy’s proportionate share of the SCRHITF plan’s net OPEB liability measured as of June 30, 2022 was 0.01501 percent, which was an increase of 0.00075 percent from its proportionate share measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Academy recognized OPEB expense of \$181,955 for the SCRHITF plan for its proportional share measured as of June 30, 2022.

##### Actuarial assumptions and methods:

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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#### Note 10. Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB), Continued

##### Actuarial assumptions and methods, continued:

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plans (as understood by the employer and plan participants) and include the type of benefits provided at the time the valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation for SCRHITF:

Valuation Date:	June 30, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method:	Individual Entry – Age Normal
Inflation:	2.25%
Investment Rate of Return:	2.75%, net of OPEB Plan investment expense; including inflation
Single Discount Rate:	3.69% as of June 30, 2022
Demographic Assumptions:	Based on the experience study performed for the South Carolina Retirement Systems for the 5-year period ending June 30, 2019
Mortality:	For healthy retirees, the gender-distinct South Carolina Retirees 2020 Mortality Tables are used with multipliers based on plan experience; the rates are projected on a fully generational basis using 80% of the ultimate rates of Scale MP-2019 to account for future mortality improvements
Health Care Trend Rate:	Initial trend starting at 6.00% and gradually decreasing to an ultimate trend rate of 4.00% over a period of 15 years
Aging Factors:	Based on plan specific experience
Retiree Participation:	79% for retirees who are eligible for funded premiums 59% participation for retirees who are eligible for Partial Funded Premiums 20% participation for retirees who are eligible for Non-Funded Premiums
Notes:	The discount rate changed from 1.92% as of June 30, 2021 to 3.69% as of June 30, 2022

The actuarial valuations were performed as of June 30, 2021. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liabilities to June 30, 2022.

##### Single Discount Rate:

The Single Discount Rate of 3.69% was used to measure the total OPEB liability for the SCRHITF. The accounting policy for this plan is to set the Single Discount Rate equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate. Due to the plan's investment and funding policies, the difference between a blended discount rate and the municipal bond rate would be less than several basis points (several hundredths of one percent).

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### Note 10. Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB), Continued

#### Long-term expected rate of return:

The long-term expected rate of returns represent assumptions developed using an arithmetic building block approach primarily based on consensus expectations and market-based inputs. The expected returns, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted at the beginning of the 2018 fiscal year. The long-term expected rate of return is produced by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and adding expected inflation. This information is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return	Allocation-Weighted Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Domestic Fixed Income	80.00%	0.95%	0.76%
Cash equivalents	20.00%	0.35%	0.07%
<b>Total</b>	100.00%		0.83%
Expected Inflation			2.25%
<b>Total Return</b>			<b>2.80%</b>
<b>Investment Return Assumption</b>			<b>2.75%</b>

#### Sensitivity analysis:

The following tables present the SCRHITF's net OPEB liability calculated using a Single Discount Rate of 3.69%, as well as what the plan's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a Single Discount Rate that is one percent lower or one percent higher. In addition, regarding the sensitivity of the SCRHITF's net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates, the following table presents the plan's net OPEB liability, calculated using the assumed trend rates as well as what the plan's net OPEB liability would be if were calculated using a trend rate that is one percent lower or one percent higher.

	1% Decrease 2.69%	Current Discount Rate 3.69%	1% Increase 4.69%
SCRHITF Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,699,835	\$ 2,283,602	\$ 1,949,102
	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
SCRHITF Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,878,039	\$ 2,283,602	\$ 2,757,118

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### Note 10. Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB), Continued

#### Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB:

At June 30, 2023, the Academy reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>SCRHITF</u>	
	<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	<u>Deferred inflows of resources</u>
Investment experience	\$ 17,955	\$ -
Liability experience	49,015	200,793
Changes of assumptions	514,893	734,054
Outstanding inflow balance between contribution proportionate share	225,567	42,882
Academy contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>107,296</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 914,726</u>	<u>\$ 977,729</u>

As of June 30, 2023, the Academy reported \$107,296 as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from the Academy's contributions subsequent to the measurement date for the SCRHITF plan.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in the Academy's OPEB expense as follows:

	<u>SCRHITF</u>
2024	\$ (16,326)
2025	7,690
2026	6,574
2027	3,608
Thereafter	<u>(171,845)</u>
	<u>\$ (170,299)</u>

#### Additional financial and actuarial information:

Information contained in these notes were compiled from the OPEB Trust Funds audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and the accounting and financial reporting actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2022. Additional financial information is available in the OPEB Trust Funds audited financial statements.

### Note 11. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Academy's employees may participate in the 457 and/or 401(k) deferred compensation plans available to state and local governmental employees through the state public employee retirement system. These programs are administered by a state approved non-governmental third party.

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### Note 12. Fund Balances and Net Position

The fund balances/net position and other credits have been classified to reflect the limitations and restrictions placed on the respective funds as follows:

#### Governmental fund financial statements:

**Fund balance - nonspendable** - balances that by their nature are unable to be spent.

**Fund balances - restricted** - balances that can only be spent for the specific purpose stipulated by constitution, external resources providers, or through enabling legislation. The Academy's student activities funds are restricted.

**Fund balances - committed** - balances that can only be used for the specific purpose determined by the Academy's Board of Directors. The Academy's board must take a formal action during one of its meetings to establish, modify or commit funds under the committed classification.

**Fund balances - assigned** - balances meant to be used for a specific purpose but do not meet the criteria as restricted or committed. For the Academy, the board or any other governing authority above the board may adding fund balance by formal action such as board vote, ordinance or law.

**Fund balances - unassigned** - balances that are spendable amounts not contained in other classifications. The General Fund is the only fund that reports a positive fund unassigned fund balance. In governmental funds other than the General Fund, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts that are restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance in that fund.

#### Government-wide financial statements:

**Net investment in capital assets** - represents the net cost less accumulated depreciation and outstanding debt attributable to the acquisition of the capital assets, if any.

**Restricted net assets** - represents net position restricted externally by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws and regulations of other governments; or restrictions imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Unrestricted** - represents the remainder of the Academy's net position in government-wide activities.

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#### **Note 13. Risk Management**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Academy, along with other organizations within the state, is insured under the State of South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance fund. The Academy pays annual premiums to the Insurance Reserve Fund for its general insurance coverage. The Insurance Reserve Fund is self-sustaining through member premiums and by purchases of commercial insurance coverage on a portion of its liabilities.

The Academy continues to carry insurance for other risks of loss including employee health, dental, group life, and accident insurance under the State of South Carolina. The state accumulates assets to cover risks that its members incur in their normal operations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. Specifically, the state assumes substantially all of the risk for the above.

#### **Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies**

The Academy typically receives proceeds from federal and state grants. Periodic audits of the grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that refunds, if any, would be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the potential refund of any grant monies.

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence***Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**For the year ended June 30, 2023*

	SCRS									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Academy's proportion of the net pension liability	0.01187%	0.01118%	0.01071%	0.01021%	0.01093%	0.01117%	0.01349%	0.01869%	0.02217%	0.02212%
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability	<u>\$ 2,878,267</u>	<u>\$ 2,421,217</u>	<u>\$ 2,736,548</u>	<u>\$ 2,330,471</u>	<u>\$ 2,448,041</u>	<u>\$ 2,513,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,880,376</u>	<u>\$ 3,545,409</u>	<u>\$ 3,816,767</u>	<u>\$ 3,976,328</u>
Academy's covered payroll during the measurement period	<u>\$ 1,475,566</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,144</u>	<u>\$ 1,273,820</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,362</u>	<u>\$ 1,205,920</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,645</u>	<u>\$ 1,305,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,752,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,011,724</u>	<u>\$ 2,090,763</u>
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	195.06%	182.03%	214.83%	199.81%	203.00%	220.95%	220.57%	202.28%	189.73%	190.19%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	57.10%	60.70%	50.70%	54.40%	54.10%	53.30%	52.91%	56.99%	59.92%	56.34%

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence***Schedule of the Academy's Contributions - Pensions**For the year ended June 30, 2023*

	SCRS									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 274,536	\$ 220,803	\$ 183,466	\$ 172,594	\$ 143,598	\$ 153,524	\$ 130,228	\$ 144,429	\$ 191,051	\$ 213,342
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	274,536	220,803	183,466	172,594	143,598	153,524	130,228	144,429	191,051	213,342
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,707,665	\$ 1,475,566	\$ 1,330,144	\$ 1,273,820	\$ 1,166,362	\$ 1,205,920	\$ 1,137,645	\$ 1,305,872	\$ 1,752,766	\$ 2,011,724
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	16.08%	14.96%	13.79%	13.55%	12.31%	12.73%	11.45%	11.06%	10.90%	10.60%

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence***Schedule of the Academy's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability**For the year ended June 30, 2023*

	SCRHITF									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Academy's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.01501%	0.01426%	0.01382%	0.01334%	0.01398%	0.013491%	0.013491%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 2,283,602</u>	<u>\$ 2,970,010</u>	<u>\$ 2,494,529</u>	<u>\$ 2,016,607</u>	<u>\$ 1,981,615</u>	<u>\$ 1,827,334</u>	<u>\$ 1,951,963</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academy's covered payroll during the measurement period	<u>\$ 1,475,566</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,144</u>	<u>\$ 1,273,820</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,362</u>	<u>\$ 1,205,920</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,645</u>	<u>\$ 1,305,872</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academy's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	154.76%	223.28%	195.83%	172.90%	164.32%	160.62%	149.48%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	9.64%	7.48%	8.39%	8.44%	7.91%	7.60%	6.62%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Footnote: This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for ten years. However, until a full ten year trend is compiled, the Academy will present information for which information is available.

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence***Schedule of the Academy's Contributions - OPEB**For the year ended June 30, 2023*

	SCRHITF									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ 107,296	\$ 92,685	\$ 81,745	\$ 74,357	\$ 70,346	\$ 61,213	\$ 60,637	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	107,296	92,685	81,745	74,357	70,346	61,213	60,637	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Academy's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,707,665	\$ 1,475,566	\$ 1,330,144	\$ 1,273,820	\$ 1,166,362	\$ 1,205,920	\$ 1,137,645	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	6.28%	6.28%	6.15%	5.84%	6.03%	5.08%	5.33%	-	-	-

Footnote: This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for ten years. However, until a full ten year trend is compiled, the Academy will present information for which information is available.

SCRHITF:

Changes of assumptions: The discount rate changed from 1.92% as of June 30, 2021 to 3.69% as of June 30, 2022.

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund**  
**For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Revenues</b>				
1000 Revenue from local sources				
1300 Tuition				
1320 Beaufort County School District	\$ 1,822,097	\$ 1,822,097	\$ 1,822,097	\$ -
1350 Jasper County School District	911,049	911,049	911,049	-
1500 Earnings on investments				
1510 Interest on investments	10,000	10,000	4,275	(5,725)
1900 Other revenue from local sources				
1910 Rentals	9,500	9,500	1,650	(7,850)
1990 Miscellaneous local revenue				
1993 Revenue from insurance proceeds	-	-	3,667	3,667
1999 Revenue from other local sources	13,000	13,000	20,149	7,149
Total local sources	2,765,646	2,765,646	2,762,887	(2,759)
2000 Intergovernmental revenue				
2100 Payment from other governmental units	-	-	30,144	30,144
Total intergovernmental revenues	-	-	30,144	30,144
3000 Revenue from state sources				
3130 Special programs				
3103 State aid to classrooms	78,564	78,564	78,564	-
3181 Retiree insurance	61,675	61,675	66,008	4,333
3900 Other state revenue				
3993 PEBA on-behalf	13,320	13,320	13,320	-
Total state sources	153,559	153,559	157,892	4,333
Total revenue all sources	2,919,205	2,919,205	2,950,923	31,718
<b>Expenditures</b>				
100 Instruction				
110 General instruction				
114 High school programs				
100 Salaries	118,003	118,003	122,910	(4,907)
200 Employee benefits	48,297	48,297	50,699	(2,402)
Total high school programs	166,300	166,300	173,609	(7,309)
115 Career and technology education (vocational)				
100 Salaries	916,862	916,862	929,457	(12,595)
200 Employee benefits	372,806	372,806	384,871	(12,065)
300 Purchased services	35,200	41,148	47,591	(6,443)
400 Supplies and materials	100,000	93,071	88,361	4,710
500 Capital outlay	10,000	10,000	9,764	236
600 Other objects	3,500	3,935	3,419	516
Total career and technology education (vocational)	1,438,368	1,437,822	1,463,463	(25,641)
Total general instruction	1,604,668	1,604,122	1,637,072	(32,950)
120 Exceptional programs				
127 Learning disabilities				
100 Salaries	76,782	76,782	78,782	(2,000)
200 Employee benefits	22,965	22,965	23,713	(748)
Total learning disabilities	99,747	99,747	102,495	(2,748)
Total exceptional programs	99,747	99,747	102,495	(2,748)
160 Other exceptional programs				
162 Limited english proficiency				
100 Salaries	67,979	67,979	72,480	(4,501)
200 Employee benefits	26,513	26,513	28,065	(1,552)
Total limited english proficiency	94,492	94,492	100,545	(6,053)
Total other exceptional programs	94,492	94,492	100,545	(6,053)
190 Instructional pupil activity				
600 Other objects	4,500	4,046	1,106	2,940
Total instructional pupil activity	4,500	4,046	1,106	2,940
Total instruction	1,803,407	1,802,407	1,841,218	(38,811)

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**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund**  
**For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Expenditures, Continued</b>				
200 Support services				
210 Pupil services				
211 Attendance and social work services				
100 Salaries	39,452	-	-	-
200 Employee benefits	11,221	-	-	-
400 Supplies and materials	200	-	-	-
	<u>50,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
212 Guidance services				
100 Salaries	118,143	118,143	135,751	(17,608)
200 Employee benefits	33,790	33,790	45,619	(11,829)
300 Purchased services	700	2,306	3,306	(1,000)
400 Supplies and materials	1,500	134	134	-
600 Other objects	200	69	69	-
	<u>154,333</u>	<u>154,442</u>	<u>184,879</u>	<u>(30,437)</u>
213 Health services				
100 Salaries	66,813	66,813	67,948	(1,135)
200 Employee benefits	19,211	19,211	20,305	(1,094)
300 Purchased services	100	-	-	-
400 Supplies and materials	2,000	2,148	1,853	295
	<u>88,124</u>	<u>88,172</u>	<u>90,106</u>	<u>(1,934)</u>
217 Career specialist services				
100 Salaries	-	39,452	30,638	8,814
200 Employee benefits	-	11,221	14,879	(3,658)
400 Supplies and materials	-	43	-	43
	<u>-</u>	<u>50,716</u>	<u>45,517</u>	<u>5,199</u>
Total pupil services	<u>293,330</u>	<u>293,330</u>	<u>320,502</u>	<u>(27,172)</u>
220 Instructional staff services				
223 Supervision of special programs				
100 Salaries	48,314	48,314	51,668	(3,354)
200 Employee benefits	22,863	22,863	20,071	2,792
300 Purchased services	200	-	-	-
600 Other objects	200	9	-	9
	<u>71,577</u>	<u>71,186</u>	<u>71,739</u>	<u>(553)</u>
224 Improvement of instruction - inservice training				
300 Purchased services	7,000	8,541	8,894	(353)
400 Supplies and materials	250	100	-	100
600 Other objects	800	170	69	101
	<u>8,050</u>	<u>8,811</u>	<u>8,963</u>	<u>(152)</u>
Total instructional staff services	<u>79,627</u>	<u>79,997</u>	<u>80,702</u>	<u>(705)</u>
230 General administration services				
231 Board of education				
200 Employee benefits	16,500	18,200	24,109	(5,909)
300 Purchased services	50,100	41,884	8,282	33,602
318 Audit	-	-	29,325	(29,325)
319 Legal	-	-	3,677	(3,677)
400 Supplies and materials	250	250	34	216
600 Other objects	10,000	10,500	10,452	48
	<u>76,850</u>	<u>70,834</u>	<u>75,879</u>	<u>(5,045)</u>

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**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund**  
**For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
<b>Expenditures, Continued</b>				
200 Support services, continued				
230 General administration services, continued				
233 School administration				
100 Salaries	262,930	262,930	267,831	(4,901)
200 Employee benefits	101,739	101,739	109,511	(7,772)
300 Purchased services	4,000	2,805	3,064	(259)
400 Supplies and materials	6,500	7,015	9,238	(2,223)
600 Other objects	3,100	7,015	6,814	201
	<u>378,269</u>	<u>381,504</u>	<u>396,458</u>	<u>(14,954)</u>
Total general administration services	<u>455,119</u>	<u>452,338</u>	<u>472,337</u>	<u>(19,999)</u>
250 Finance and operations services				
252 Fiscal services				
100 Salaries	49,227	49,227	59,651	(10,424)
200 Employee benefits	21,531	21,531	26,479	(4,948)
300 Purchased services	1,500	923	856	67
400 Supplies and materials	500	500	413	87
600 Other objects	2,500	3,077	3,686	(609)
	<u>75,258</u>	<u>75,258</u>	<u>91,085</u>	<u>(15,827)</u>
254 Operation and maintenance of plant				
300 Purchased services	186,600	182,616	208,356	(25,740)
321 Utilities	-	-	4,473	(4,473)
400 Supplies and materials	145,750	143,030	14,639	128,391
470 Energy	-	-	135,829	(135,829)
500 Capital outlay	145,500	140,500	148,180	(7,680)
600 Other objects	100	100	-	100
	<u>477,950</u>	<u>466,246</u>	<u>511,477</u>	<u>(45,231)</u>
258 Security				
300 Purchased services	71,000	76,646	86,226	(9,580)
	<u>71,000</u>	<u>76,646</u>	<u>86,226</u>	<u>(9,580)</u>
Total finance and operations services	<u>624,208</u>	<u>618,150</u>	<u>688,788</u>	<u>(70,638)</u>
260 Central support services				
263 Information services				
300 Purchased services	1,000	485	483	2
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>485</u>	<u>483</u>	<u>2</u>
264 Staff services				
100 Salaries	4,000	4,000	2,800	1,200
200 Employee benefits	1,000	1,000	881	119
300 Purchased services	500	500	-	500
	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>3,681</u>	<u>1,819</u>
266 Technology and data processing services				
300 Purchased services	71,000	82,983	93,716	(10,733)
400 Supplies and materials	12,100	10,101	8,211	1,890
	<u>83,100</u>	<u>93,084</u>	<u>101,927</u>	<u>(8,843)</u>
Total central support services	<u>89,600</u>	<u>99,069</u>	<u>106,091</u>	<u>(7,022)</u>
Total support services	<u>1,541,884</u>	<u>1,542,884</u>	<u>1,668,420</u>	<u>(125,536)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>3,345,291</u>	<u>3,345,291</u>	<u>3,509,638</u>	<u>(164,347)</u>
<b>Other financing sources</b>				
5230 Transfer from Special Revenue EIA Fund	76,341	76,341	76,341	-
5300 Sale of capital assets	13,000	13,000	5,655	(7,345)
Total other financing sources	<u>89,341</u>	<u>89,341</u>	<u>81,996</u>	<u>(7,345)</u>
Deficit of revenues under expenditures and other financing sources	<u>\$ (336,745)</u>	<u>\$ (336,745)</u>	<u>(476,719)</u>	<u>\$ (139,974)</u>
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>			905,702	
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>			<u>\$ 428,983</u>	

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**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence**  
**Special Projects Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023**

	Occupational Education	*Other Special Revenue Programs	Student Activity Funds	Total
<b>Revenues</b>				
1000 Revenue from local sources				
1900 Other revenue from local sources				
1990 Miscellaneous local revenue				
1999 Revenue from other local sources	\$ -	\$ 1,411	\$ 35,379	\$ 36,790
Total local sources	-	1,411	35,379	36,790
4000 Revenue from federal sources				
4200 Occupational education				
4210 Perkins Aid, Title I	45,823	-	-	45,823
4900 Other federal sources				
4977 ESSER II	-	199,001	-	199,001
4999 Revenue from other federal Sources	-	3,230	-	3,230
Total federal sources	45,823	202,231	-	248,054
Total revenue all sources	45,823	203,642	35,379	284,844
<b>Expenditures</b>				
100 Instruction				
110 General instruction				
115 Career and technology education (vocational) programs				
400 Supplies and materials	16,609	4,775	-	21,384
500 Capital outlay	9,995	-	-	9,995
Total general instruction	26,604	4,775	-	31,379
Total instruction	26,604	4,775	-	31,379
200 Support services				
210 Pupil services				
213 Health services				
100 Salaries	-	3,000	-	3,000
200 Employee benefits	-	230	-	230
Total pupil services	-	3,230	-	3,230
250 Finance and operations services				
253 Facilities acquisition and construction				
400 Supplies and materials	-	4,179	-	4,179
500 Capital outlay	-	174,928	-	174,928
Total	-	179,107	-	179,107
258 Security				
500 Capital outlay	-	16,530	-	16,530
Total	-	16,530	-	16,530
Total finance and operations services	-	195,637	-	195,637
270 Support services pupil activity				
271 Pupil services activities				
600 Other objects	19,219	-	33,397	52,616
Total	19,219	-	33,397	52,616
Total support services pupil activity	19,219	-	33,397	52,616
Total support services	19,219	198,867	33,397	251,483
Total expenditures	45,823	203,642	33,397	282,862
Revenues over expenditures	-	-	1,982	1,982
<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>	-	-	107,746	107,746
<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109,728	\$ 109,728

**\*Other Special Revenue Programs**

207 Perkins Aid, Title I	827 Teacher Mini Grants
225 ESSER II Funds	844 Parkers Donations
285 Cooperative Agr. For Emergency Response	861 Community Giving Program

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence****Education Improvement Act Fund****Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - All Programs****For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023****Revenues**

3000	Revenue from state sources		
3500	Education Improvement Act		
3503	State aid to classrooms	\$	76,341
3528	Industry certificates		29,923
3529	Career and technology education equipment		96,454
3577	Teacher supplies		5,700
	Total state sources		<u>208,418</u>
	Total revenue all sources		<u>208,418</u>

**Expenditures**

100	Instruction		
110	General instruction		
115	Career and technology education (vocational)		
300	Purchased services		39,962
400	Supplies and materials		69,221
500	Capital outlay		19,494
	Total general instruction		<u>128,677</u>
	Total instruction		<u>128,677</u>
200	Support services		
224	Improvement of instruction inservice and staff training		
300	Purchased services		3,400
	Total support services		<u>3,400</u>
	Total expenditures		<u>132,077</u>

**Other financing uses**

	Interfund transfers to other funds		
420-710	Transfer to general fund		(76,341)
	Total other financing uses		<u>(76,341)</u>
	Revenues over (under) expenditures and other financing uses		-
	<b>Fund balance, beginning of year</b>		-
	<b>Fund balance, end of year</b>	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence**  
**Education Improvement Act Fund**  
**Summary Schedule by Program**  
**For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023**

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Transfers In/(Out)</u>	<u>Unearned Revenue</u>
3500 Education Improvement Act				
3503 State aid to classrooms	\$ 76,341	\$ -	\$ (76,341)	\$ -
3528 Industry certificates	29,923	29,923	-	-
3529 Career and technology education equipment	96,454	96,454	-	-
3577 Teacher supplies	5,700	5,700	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 208,418</u>	<u>\$ 132,077</u>	<u>\$ (76,341)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence***Detailed Schedule of Due to State Department of Education**As of June 30, 2023*

<u>Program</u>	<u>Grant or Project Number</u>	<u>Revenue and Subfund Codes</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
None				<u>\$ -</u>

**Independent Auditor’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of  
Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with  
*Government Auditing Standards***

Board of Directors  
Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence  
Ridgeland, South Carolina

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 and each major fund of Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence (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, and have issued our report thereon dated November 21, 2023.

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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Academy’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

### Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elliott Davis, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "E".

Columbia, South Carolina  
November 21, 2023

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## Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

### *Schedule of Findings and Responses*

*June 30, 2023*

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#### **A. Summary of Audit Results**

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements.
2. No material weaknesses relating to the audit of the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.
3. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.
4. No instances of noncompliance related to the financial statements were disclosed during the audit.

#### **B. Findings - Relating to the Basic Financial Statements Reported in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

None

#### **C. Findings - Compliance**

None