

MAEF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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FINANCIAL SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Members of the Board
MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Mobile, Alabama

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc., as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.'s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc., as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 2-6, budgetary comparison information on pages 36-38, schedule of proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of board contributions on pages 39-40, schedule of proportionate share of net OPEB liability and schedule of contributions on pages 41-43, respectively, to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 23, 2021, on our consideration of MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Avizo Group, Inc.

Certified Public Accountants

June 23, 2021
Brewton, Alabama

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Introduction

The MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.'s (the "School") discussion and analysis presents the overall financial position and operating results of the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2020. The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) reflects an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

Financial Highlights

Our financial statements provide these insights into the results of this year's operations:

- The School's Net Position decreased by \$396,673 in FY 2020. The activities revenues overall were \$3,608,770 in FY 2020 and \$2,730,242 in FY 2019, resulting in an increase of \$878,528 or 32.18% over the prior year. The School's continual rise in student enrollment and the receipt of a U.S. Department of Treasury Paycheck Protection Program loan have resulted in increases in local, state and federal revenues.
- Overall, the School's expenditures and other financing sources exceeded its revenues and other financing sources by \$396,673 largely due to COVID-19 related expenditures that were not yet reimbursed by federal relief funds before the close of the fiscal year.

Overview of the Financial Statement and Use of This Report

This discussion and analysis serves as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements, which are the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and the notes to the financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements, the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*. These provide both long-term and short-term information about the School's overall financial status. The focus of the *Statement of Net Position* is designed to be similar to bottom line results for the School and its activities.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the School's assets less liabilities which results in net position. The statement is designed to display the financial position of the School. Over time, increases and decreases in net position help determine whether the School's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* provides information which shows how the School's net position changed as a result of the year's activities. The statement uses the full accrual basis of accounting. All of the revenues and expenses are reported regardless of the timing of when cash is received or paid. The statement identifies the extent to which each expenditure function draws from general revenues of the School (primarily local taxes) or is financed through charges for services (such as lunchrooms) and intergovernmental aid (primarily federal programs and state appropriations).

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's most significant funds, not the School as a whole. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. The School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate fiscal accountability. All of the funds of the School can be classified into one category: governmental funds.

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Governmental funds – Most of the School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental funds statements, the *Balance Sheet* and the *Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances*, are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the basic financial statements and are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *Required Supplementary Information* (RSI) other than the MD&A consisting of a budgetary comparison schedule for the General Fund and each major special revenue fund that has a legally adopted annual budget. The schedule includes an accompanying note explaining the differences between actual amounts as reported on the basis of budgeting and the GAAP basis of reporting.

Financial Analysis of the School as a Whole

As indicated earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Refer to Table 1 when reading the following analysis of net position. The School's total liabilities exceeded assets by \$1,121,826 at September 30, 2020.

- The significant variances in Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources are due to annual actuarial calculations related to GASB Statements No. 68 on pensions and No. 75 for OPEB

The following table reflects a Summary of Net Position compared to the prior year:

Table 1: Summary of Net Position

Assets	FY 2020	FY 2019	Variance
Current and other assets	\$ 361,237	\$ 218,565	65.28%
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,954,382	1,883,009	3.79%
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 2,315,619	\$ 2,101,574	69%
Liabilities			
Current and other liabilities	\$ 186,120	22,273	735.63%
Long-Term Liabilities	2,429,515	2,498,615	-2.77%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	821,810	305,839	168.71%
Total Liabilities and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 3,437,445	\$ 2,826,727	901.57%
Net Position			
Unrestricted	\$ (1,121,826)	\$ (725,153)	54.70%
Total Net Position	\$ (1,121,826)	\$ (725,153)	54.70%

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The School's total revenues and expenditures are reflected in the following table:

Table 2: Changes in Net Position
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Revenues	FY 2020	FY 2019	Variance
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 511,230	\$ 590,631	-13.44%
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,774,440	2,139,611	29.67%
Other	323,100	-	0.00%
Total Revenues	<u>3,608,770</u>	<u>2,730,242</u>	<u>16.23%</u>
Expenditures			
Instructional	2,159,685	1,754,835	23.07%
Instructional Support	334,422	253,051	32.16%
Operation and Maintenance	475,899	320,935	48.29%
Student Transportation	4,275	5,600	-23.66%
Food Service	106,447	157,217	-32.29%
General Administrative	924,715	742,228	24.59%
Total Expenditures	<u>4,005,443</u>	<u>3,233,866</u>	<u>72.16%</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>(396,673)</u>	<u>(503,624)</u>	<u>21.24%</u>
Net position - Beginning of Year	<u>(725,153)</u>	<u>(221,529)</u>	
Net position - End of Year	<u>\$ (1,121,826)</u>	<u>\$ (725,153)</u>	

Revenues

- Charges for Services – Decreased due to reduced student participation in the child nutrition program while schools were mandatorily closed and a reduction in student fees to reduce the financial burden of families during the pandemic.
- Operating Grants and Contributions – Increased due to increased student enrollment and additional philanthropic grant contributions to support the mission of ACCEL Academy.

Expenditures

- Overall increase due to additional staffing, supplies, equipment, and technology needed to reopen school in the Fall of 2020 during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Federal reimbursements were delayed in their receipt to offset these expenditures and were not received until after the close of the fiscal year.

The recording of our proportionate share of the state's retirement pension plan as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 68 and our proportionate share of the state's other post-employment benefits as prescribed by GASB Statement No. 75 are major contributors towards the decrease in Net Position.

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Net Cost of Services

Table 3: Net Cost of Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	FY 2020		FY 2019	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Governmental Activities:				
Instructional	\$ 2,159,685	\$ 1,125,985	1,754,835	\$ 975,407
Instructional Support	334,422	(334,422)	253,051	(253,051)
Operation and Maintenance	475,899	(475,899)	320,935	(320,935)
Student Transportation	4,275	(4,275)	5,600	(5,600)
Food Service	106,447	(106,447)	157,217	(157,217)
General Administrative	924,715	(924,715)	742,228	(742,228)
	<u>\$ 4,005,443</u>	<u>\$ (719,773)</u>	<u>\$3,233,866</u>	<u>\$ (503,624)</u>

Table 3 is a condensed statement taken from the Statement of Activities showing the total cost for providing identified services for seven major School activities. Total cost of services is compared to the net cost of providing these services. The net cost of services is the remaining cost of services after subtracting grants and charges for services that the School used to offset the program's total cost. In other words, the net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on all taxpayers for each of these activities. This information allows citizens to consider the cost of each program in comparison to the benefits they believe are provided.

Financial Analysis of the School's Funds

The School uses fund accounting to control and manage resources in order to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Using funds to account for resources for particular purposes helps the reader to determine whether the School is being accountable for the resources provided by taxpayers and other entities, and it may also help to provide more insight into the School's overall financial health. The following analysis of the School's funds should be read in reference to the fund financial statements.

- General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund for the School. After these twelve-months of operation, the General Fund has a positive fund balance of \$141,069, a decrease of \$14,614 from the prior period. The decrease in fund balance can mostly be attributed to additional needs due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the Child Nutrition Program, grants and awards, and local, public school, funds. The Special Revenue Fund Balance at the end of the year was \$938.
- Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund accounts for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities. The Capital Projects Fund Balance at the end of the year was \$33,110.

Overall, the School's governmental funds reflected an excess of \$21,175 of Expenditures/Other Financing Uses over Revenues/Other Financing Sources.

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Budgetary Highlights

The original 2020 fiscal year budget, adopted on September 12, 2019, was based on a conservative approach that reflected only allocated revenues and necessary expenditures. The final budget was approved on June 30, 2020. For purposes of budgetary analysis, only the General Fund of the School is discussed in accordance with the GASB 34 reporting module. The School complied with State Department of Education requirements for budget adjustments.

The comparisons of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund original budgets to the final amended budgets are reflected in the required supplementary information in the report. The two budgets were amended to correct beginning fund balances and account for changes in state, federal, and local sources.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

- Capital Assets – Capital Assets – To support the expansion of the School to serve grades 6-12, the Board of Directors has secured a larger facility through its affiliate MAEF Real Estate Holdings, Inc. and is currently exploring land acquisition to support the new program. This will serve to increase capital assets and debt administration, but the expansion will also increase revenues due to increased student enrollment and philanthropic support for the expansion of the School.
- Long-term Liabilities - At the end of the twelve-month period, the School had \$98,262 in a related party notes payable outstanding, with \$70,604 due within one year. The School also shows a Net Pension Liability of \$1,759,000 and a Net OPEB liability of \$572,253 at the end of the fiscal period, an increase of \$499,000 and decrease of \$497,496, respectively, over last year. Note 8 Long-Term Liabilities in the Notes to the Financial Statements provides a detailed summary of the long-term debt transactions and pension liabilities of the School.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The following are currently known economic factors considered going into the 2020-2021 fiscal year:

- While national and local philanthropy may be reduced due to economic uncertainty, the contributions to support the activities of the School are expected to grow as national and statewide charter school expansion grants are secured by the Board of Directors.
- State revenues are projected to remain stable for public schools despite the economic downturn due to the pandemic.
- Federal revenues are expected to increase due to additional appropriations by the U.S. Congress to support the reopening of schools and reduce students' learning loss due to the pandemic.

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Statement of Net Position
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	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 45,593
Receivables, Net	315,644
Total Assets	361,237
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Employer Pension Contribution	143,343
Employer OPEB Contribution	29,367
Proportionate Share of Collective Deferred Outflows	
Related to Net Pension Liability	973,000
Related to Net OPEB Liability	808,672
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,954,382
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	186,120
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Portion Due or Payable Within One Year	70,604
Portion Due or Payable After One Year	2,358,911
Total Liabilities	2,615,635
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Proportionate Share of Collective Deferred Inflows	
Related to Net Pension Liability	146,000
Related to Net OPEB Liability	675,810
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	821,810
Net Position	
Unrestricted	(1,121,826)
Total Net Position	\$ (1,121,826)

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

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Statement of Activities
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Functions/Programs	Program Revenues				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Instructional	\$ 2,159,685	\$ 511,230	\$ 2,774,440	\$ -	\$ 1,125,985
Instructional Support	334,422	-	-	-	(334,422)
Operation and Maintenance	475,899	-	-	-	(475,899)
Student Transportation	4,275	-	-	-	(4,275)
Food Service	106,447	-	-	-	(106,447)
General Administrative	924,715	-	-	-	(924,715)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,005,443</u>	<u>\$ 511,230</u>	<u>\$ 2,774,440</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(719,773)</u>
General revenues:					
Other income					323,100
Total General Revenues					<u>323,100</u>
Changes in Net Position					(396,673)
Net Position - Beginning of Year					<u>(725,153)</u>
Net Position - End of Year					<u>\$ (1,121,826)</u>

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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
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	(11) - General Fund	(12) - Special Revenue Fund	(14) - Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 238,321	\$ (225,837)	\$ 33,110	\$ 45,594
Receivables, Net	88,869	226,775	-	315,644
Total Assets	<u>\$ 327,190</u>	<u>\$ 938</u>	<u>\$ 33,110</u>	<u>\$ 361,238</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 186,121	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 186,121
Total Liabilities	<u>186,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>186,121</u>
Fund Balances				
Unassigned	141,069	938	33,110	175,117
Total Fund Balances	<u>141,069</u>	<u>938</u>	<u>33,110</u>	<u>175,117</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 327,190</u>	<u>\$ 938</u>	<u>\$ 33,110</u>	<u>\$ 361,238</u>

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

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Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balances to Net Position of Governmental Activities
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Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	175,117
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		970,343
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB obligations are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		162,229
Long-term liabilities, including net pension liability and net OPEB liability, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.		
Portion Due or Payable Within One Year	\$	(70,604)
Portion Due or Payable After One Year		(2,358,911)
		(2,429,515)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	(1,121,826)

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

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MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
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	(11) - General Fund	(12) - Special Revenue Fund	(14) - Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
State	\$ 2,213,663	\$ -	\$ 94,703	\$ 2,308,366
Federal	-	466,074	-	466,074
Local	510,371	860	-	511,231
Total Revenues	<u>2,724,034</u>	<u>466,934</u>	<u>94,703</u>	<u>3,285,671</u>
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instructional	1,514,780	198,804	-	1,713,584
Instructional Support	269,204	65,218	-	334,422
Operation and Maintenance	346,033	27,664	102,202	475,899
Auxiliary Services:				
Student Transportation	4,275	-	-	4,275
Food Service	-	106,447	-	106,447
General Administrative	822,428	102,287	-	924,715
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	70,604	-	-	70,604
Total Expenditures	<u>3,027,324</u>	<u>500,420</u>	<u>102,202</u>	<u>3,629,946</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(303,290)</u>	<u>(33,486)</u>	<u>(7,499)</u>	<u>(344,275)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Proceeds from PPP loan	323,100	-	-	323,100
Transfers In	-	34,424	-	34,424
Transfers Out	(34,424)	-	-	(34,424)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>288,676</u>	<u>34,424</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,100</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	(14,614)	938	(7,499)	(21,175)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	155,683	-	40,609	196,292
Fund Balances - End of Year	<u>\$ 141,069</u>	<u>\$ 938</u>	<u>\$ 33,110</u>	<u>\$ 175,117</u>

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

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MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
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Net Changes in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ (21,175)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and does not affect the Statement of Activities.	70,604
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.	
Pension Expense	\$ 325,836
OPEB Expense	120,266 (446,102)
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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (396,673)</u>

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

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MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc. was incorporated on July 28, 2016, to create, manage, operate, and direct public schools. The financial statements of the MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc. DBA Accel Day and Evening Academy (the School) have been prepared in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as specified by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

For financial reporting purposes and in conformance with the criteria set forth by GASB Statement No. 61, the School includes those funds, account groups, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities for which the School has the ability to exercise its oversight responsibility and provides financial and managerial assistance.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION—GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND LEVEL

Government-wide

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Nonexchange transactions, in which the School gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants entitlements and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Fund Level

The government fund level financial statements are reported using the current financial resource measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. General long-term debt issued and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources. Since governmental fund level financial statements are presented on a different basis of accounting and measurement focus than governmental activities in the government-wide presentation, a summary is presented to explain adjustments necessary to reconcile fund level statements to the government-wide presentation.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The accounts of the School are organized on the basis of funds which are each considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped into broad fund categories as follows:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund—The General Fund is used to account for all revenues and expenditures applicable to the general operations of the School which are not properly accounted for in another fund. All general operating revenues which are not restricted or designated as to use by outside sources are recorded in the General Fund.

Special Revenue Fund—Special revenue funds are operating funds for which the use of revenues is restricted or designated by outside sources.

Capital Project Fund—Capital project funds are used to account for the financial resources used to construct or acquire major capital items.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual, that is when they become both “measurable” and “available” to finance expenditures of the current period. Ad valorem and other taxes collected by an intermediary are considered “measurable” when in the hand of the intermediary collecting governments and may be recognized as revenue at that time. Expenditures, generally, are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred. Revenues susceptible to accrual are: federal financial assistance programs, which are measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. INCOME TAXES

The School is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No provision for income taxes is reflected in the statement of activities. The income tax filings are subject to examination by taxing authorities, generally, for three years after they are filed.

E. IMPACT OF RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

Recently Issued Accounting Principles

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* was issued to improve the consistency of accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. The requirements of GASB Statement No. 87 are effective for the fiscal year 2022. The School is currently evaluating the impact that this statement may have on its financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 89, *Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*, was issued to (1) enhance the relevance and comparability of information about capital assets and the cost of borrowing for a reporting period and (2) to simplify accounting for interest cost incurred before the end of a construction period. The requirements of GASB Statement No. 89 are effective for the fiscal year 2022. The School is currently evaluating the impact that this statement may have on its financial statements.

GASB Statement 92, *Omnibus 2020*, was issued as guidance addressing various accounting and financial reporting issues identified during the implementation and application of GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, GASB Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68*, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68, as amended, Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, as amended, GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, and the measurement of liabilities and assets, if any, related to asset retirement obligations in a government acquisition. The various requirements of GASB Statement No. 92 are effective as early as the fiscal year 2021. The adoption of GASB Statement 92 did not have any impact on the School's financial statements.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments. The State Attorney General has issued a legal opinion that Schools of education may not put public funds at risk by investing in companies not insured by the federal government.

G. USE OF 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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. NET ASSET AND EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

Government-wide Financial Statements

The School adopted GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, which superseded GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Government*. Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- Net investment in capital assets—Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at year-end, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of the related debt. Rather, that portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources is included in the same net position as the unspent proceeds.
- Restricted net position—Consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- Unrestricted net position—The net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund equity of the governmental fund financial statements is classified as fund balance. In March 2009, GASB adopted a standard that establishes a hierarchy based on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed on the use of the resources reported in governmental funds.

Fund balance is classified into one of the following five components:

- Nonspendable fund balance—Consists of amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted fund balance—Consists of fund balances with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) the School’s own laws through its enabling legislation and other provisions of its laws and regulations.
- Committed fund balance—Consists of fund balances that are subject to a purpose constraint imposed by formal action or resolution of the School, which is the highest level of decision-making authority, before the end of the fiscal year and that require the same level of formal action to remove or modify the constraint.
- Assigned fund balance—Consists of fund balances that are intended to be used by the school system for specific purposes. The School authorized the Superintendent or Chief School Finance Officer to make a determination of the assigned amounts of fund balance. Such assignments may not exceed the available (spendable, unrestricted, uncommitted) fund balance in any particular fund. Assigned fund balances require the same level of authority to remove the constraint.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- Unassigned fund balance—All other fund balances that do not meet the definition of “restricted, committed or assigned fund balances.” This portion of the total fund balance in the general fund is available to finance operating expenditures.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) amounts are available, it shall be the policy of the School to consider restricted amounts to have been reduced first. When an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classification could be used, it shall be the policy of the School that committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

C. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrances represent commitments related to underperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrances accounting—under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure or resources are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation—is utilized in the governmental funds. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are reported as reservations of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be honored during the subsequent year.

D. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows of resources consist of the following at September 30, 2020:

	Governmental Activities
Deferred outflows of resources as related to the net pension liability	\$ 1,116,343
Deferred outflows of resources as related to the net OPEB liability	838,039
	\$ 1,954,382

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources consist of the following at September 30, 2020:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Deferred inflows of resources as related to the net pension liability	\$ 146,000
Deferred inflows of resources as related to the net OPEB liability	<u> 675,810</u>
	<u>\$ 821,810</u>

F. PENSIONS

The Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (the Plan) financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized as revenues when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred, regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

G. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The School has evaluated subsequent events through June 23, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

On March 2, 2021, the School formed MAEF Real Estate Holdings, Inc. in order to secure a larger facility. See Management Discussion and Analysis for further information.

There were no other material subsequent events which require disclosure at September 30, 2020.

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NOTE 2 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Interest Rate Risk

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

Credit Risk

State statutes authorize the School's investments. The School is authorized to invest in U.S. Government obligations and its agencies or instrumentalities. The School has no investment policy that further limits investment choices.

Custodial Credit Risk

The School maintains a number of bank accounts with a service provider. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insures all of the Organization's bank accounts up to a maximum of \$250,000.

NOTE 3 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditure which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the School expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

NOTE 4 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The School is affiliated with the Mobile Area Education Foundation (MAEF) by reason of common management and economic interest.

The following related party transactions occurred with MAEF as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020:

Accounts receivable	\$ 88,869
Note payable	98,262
Accounts payable	155,585
Income	32,968
Administration expenses	190,000

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NOTE 5 INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

During the course of normal operations, the School has numerous transactions between funds to provide services, construct assets, etc. These transactions are generally reflected as operating transfers or receivables and liabilities. Transactions reimbursing a fund for expenditures are recorded as expenditures in the disbursing fund and as revenues in the receiving fund. Remaining fund balances in discontinued funds and non-recurring, non-routine transfers are accounted for as residual equity transfers. The School typically used transfers to fund ongoing operating subsidies and to recoup certain expenditures.

Interfund Transfers

	Transfers Out
	General
	Fund
Transfers In	
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 34,424
Totals	\$ 34,424

NOTE 6 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The School contributes to the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (TRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement plan for the various state-supported educational agencies and institutions. The TRS was established as of September 15, 1939, under the provisions of Act 419 of the Legislature of 1939 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other specified benefits for qualified persons employed by State-supported educational institutions. The responsibility for the general administration and operation of the TRS is vested in its School of Control. The TRS School of Control consists of 15 trustees. The plan is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA). Title 16-Chapter 25 of the Code of Alabama grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the TRS School of Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.rsa-al.gov.

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NOTE 6 **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (continued)**

Benefits Provided

State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase in postretirement benefits for the TRS. Benefits for TRS members vest after 10 years of creditable service. TRS members who retire after age 60 with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 years of service (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the TRS are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest 3 of the last 10 years) for each year of service.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 TRS members are eligible for retirement after age 62 with 10 years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the TRS are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest 5 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have 10 years of credible service, are currently in-service, and determined by the RSA Medical School to be permanently incapacitated from further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits equal to the annual earnable compensation of the member as reported to the Plan for the preceding year ending June 30 are paid to a qualified beneficiary.

Contributions

Covered members of the TRS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the TRS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, covered members of the TRS were required by statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered members of the TRS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation. Certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the TRS contributed 6% of earnable compensation as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011, to September 30, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the TRS were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers and firefighters are required by statute to contribute 8.50% of earnable compensation.

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NOTE 6 **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (continued)**

Tier 2 covered members of the TRS contribute 6% of earnable compensation to the TRS as required by statute. Tier 2 certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the TRS are required by statute to contribute 7% of earnable compensation.

Participating employers' contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2019, was 12.41% of annual pay for Tier 1 members and 11.35% of annual pay for Tier 2 members. These required contribution rates are a percent of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the School were \$143,343 for the year ended September 30, 2020.

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

At September 30, 2020, the School reported a liability of \$1,759,000 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The collective net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2019 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018. The School's proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the employers' shares of contributions to the pension plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating TRS employers. At September 30, 2019, the School's proportion was 0.015913 percent, which was an increase of 0.003242 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2018.

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NOTE 6 **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (continued)**

For the year ended September 30, 2020, the School recognized pension expense of \$325,836. At September 30, 2020, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 26,000	\$ 58,000
Changes of assumptions	54,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	61,000	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	832,000	88,000
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>143,343</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,116,343</u>	<u>\$ 146,000</u>

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School contributions subsequent to the measurement date was reported at \$143,343 and will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:	
2021	\$ 298,000
2022	300,000
2023	126,000
2024	97,000
2025	<u>6,000</u>
	<u>\$ 827,000</u>

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NOTE 6 **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (continued)**

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2019 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75%
Projected salary increases	3.25%-5.00%
Investment rate of return*	7.70%

*Net of pension plan investment expense

The actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018, were based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the TRS based upon participant data as of September 30, 2015. The School of Control accepted and approved these changes on September 2016, which became effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2016.

Mortality rates for TRS were based on the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted 115% for males and 112% for females age 78 and older.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

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NOTE 6 **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (continued)**

	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
Fixed Income	17.00%	4.40%
U.S. Large Stocks	32.00%	8.00%
U.S. Mid Stocks	9.00%	10.00%
U.S. Small Stocks	4.00%	11.00%
International Developed Market Stocks	12.00%	9.50%
International Emerging Market Stocks	3.00%	11.00%
Alternatives	10.00%	10.10%
Real Estate	10.00%	7.50%
Cash	3.00%	1.50%
Total	100.00%	

*Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.50%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.70%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, components of the pension plan's fiduciary net position were projected to be available to make all 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 total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following table presents the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.70%, as well as what the School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.70%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.70%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.70%)	Current Rate (7.70%)	1% Increase (8.70%)
School's proportionate share of collective net pension liability	\$ 2,389,000	\$ 1,759,000	\$ 1,227,000

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NOTE 6 **DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (continued)**

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 67 Report for the TRS prepared as of September 30, 2019. The auditor's report dated August 16, 2019, on the total pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, total pension expense for the sum of all participating entities as of September 30, 2018, along with supporting schedules is also available. The additional financial actuarial information is available at www.rsa-al.gov.

NOTE 7 **OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Plan Description

The School contributes to the Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust (the "Trust"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan that administers healthcare benefits to the retirees of participating state and local educational institutions. The Trust was established under the Alabama Retiree Health Care Funding Act of 2007 which authorized and directed the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance School (PEEHIP) to create an irrevocable trust to fund postemployment healthcare benefits to retirees participating in PEEHIP. Active and retiree health insurance benefits are paid through the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP). In accordance with GASB, the Trust is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama (State) and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The PEEHIP was established in 1983 pursuant to the provisions of the *Code of Alabama 1975, Title 16, Chapter 25A (Act 83-455)* to provide a uniform plan of health insurance for active and retired employees of state and local educational institutions which provide instruction at any combination of grades K-14 (collectively, eligible employees), and to provide a method for funding the benefits related to the plan. Responsibility for the establishment of the health insurance plan and its general administration and operations is vested in the School. The School is a corporate body for purposes of management of the health insurance plan. The *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 16-25A-4* provides the School with the authority to amend the benefit provisions in order to provide reasonable assurance of stability in future years for the plan. All assets of the PEEHIP are held in trust for the payment of health insurance benefits. The Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama (TRS) has been appointed as the administrator of the PEEHIP and, consequently, serves as the administrator of the Trust.

Benefits Provided

PEEHIP offers a basic hospital medical plan to active members and non-Medicare eligible retirees. Benefits include inpatient hospitalization for a maximum of 365 days without a dollar limit, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient care, physician services, and prescription drugs.

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NOTE 7 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

Active employees and non-Medicare eligible retirees who do not have Medicare eligible dependents can enroll in a health maintenance organization (HMO) in lieu of the basic hospital medical plan. The HMO includes hospital medical benefits, dental benefits, vision benefits, and an extensive formulary. However, participants in the HMO are required to receive care from a participating physician in the HMO plan.

The PEEHIP offers four optional plans (Hospital Indemnity, Cancer, Dental, and Vision) that may be selected in addition to or in lieu of the basic hospital medical plan or HMO. The Hospital Indemnity Plan provides a per-day benefit for hospital confinement, maternity, intensive care, cancer, and convalescent care. The Cancer Plan covers cancer disease only and benefits are provided regardless of other insurance. Coverage includes a per-day benefit for each hospital confinement related to cancer. The Dental Plan covers diagnostic and preventative services, as well as basic and major dental services. Diagnostic and preventative services include oral examinations, teeth cleaning, x-rays, and emergency office visits. Basic and major services include fillings, general aesthetics, oral surgery not covered under a Group Medical Program, periodontics, endodontics, dentures, bridgework, and crowns. Dental services are subject to a maximum of \$1,250 per year for individual coverage and \$1,000 per person per year for family coverage. The Vision Plan covers annual eye examinations, eye glasses, and contact lens prescriptions.

PEEHIP members may opt to elect the PEEHIP Supplemental Plan as their hospital medical coverage in lieu of the PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan. The PEEHIP Supplemental Plan provides secondary benefits to the member's primary plan provided by another employer. Only active and non-Medicare retiree members and dependents are eligible for the PEEHIP Supplemental Plan. There is no premium required for this plan, and the plan covers most out-of-pocket expenses not covered by the primary plan. The plan cannot be used as a supplement to Medicare, the PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan, or the State or Local Governmental Plans administered by the State Employees' Insurance School (SEIB).

Effective January 1, 2020, Medicare eligible members and Medicare eligible dependents who are covered on a retiree contract were enrolled in the Humana Group Medicare Advantage plan for PEEHIP. The plan is fully insured, and members are able to have all of their Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), Part B (medical insurance), and Part D (prescription drug coverage) in one convenient plan. Retirees can continue to see their same providers with no interruption and see any doctor who accepts Medicare on a national basis. Members have the same benefits in and out-of-network and there is no additional retiree cost share if a retiree uses an out-of-network provider and no balance billing from the provider.

Contributions

The *Code of Alabama 1975, Section 16-25A-8* and the *Code of Alabama 1975, Section, 16-25A-8.1* provide the School with the authority to set the contribution requirements for plan members and the authority to set the employer contribution requirements for each required class, respectively. Additionally, the School is required to certify to the Governor and the Legislature, the amount, as a monthly premium per active employee, necessary to fund the

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NOTE 7 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

coverage of active and retired member benefits for the following fiscal year. The Legislature then sets the premium rate in the annual appropriation bill.

For employees who retired after September 30, 2005, but before January 1, 2012, the employer contribution of the health insurance premium set forth by the School for each retiree class is reduced by 2% for each year of service less than 25 and increased by 2% percent for each year of service over 25 subject to adjustment by the School for changes in Medicare premium costs required to be paid by a retiree. In no case does the employer contribution of the health insurance premium exceed 100% of the total health insurance premium cost for the retiree.

For employees who retired after December 31, 2011, the employer contribution to the health insurance premium set forth by the School for each retiree class is reduced by 4% for each year of service less than 25 and increased by 2% for each year over 25, subject to adjustment by the School for changes in Medicare premium costs required to be paid by a retiree. In no case does the employer contribution of the health insurance premium exceed 100% of the total health insurance premium cost for the retiree. For employees who retired after December 31, 2011, who are not covered by Medicare, regardless of years of service, the employer contribution to the health insurance premium set forth by the School for each retiree class is reduced by a percentage equal to 1% multiplied by the difference between the Medicare entitlement age and the age of the employee at the time of retirement as determined by the School. This reduction in the employer contribution ceases upon notification to the School of the attainment of Medicare coverage.

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

At September 30, 2020, the School reported a liability of \$572,253 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of September 30, 2019 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018. The School's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the School's long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2019, the School's proportion was 0.015168 percent, which was an increase of 0.002152 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2018.

For the year ended September 30, 2020, the School recognized OPEB expense of \$120,266, with no special funding situations. At September 30, 2020, the School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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NOTE 7 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

	Deferred Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 18,948	\$ 438,779
Changes of assumptions	27,357	237,031
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,180	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	761,187	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	29,367	-
Total	\$ 838,039	\$ 675,810

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from the School's contributions subsequent to measurement date was report as \$29,367 and will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended September 30, 2021.

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

Year ended September 30:	
2021	\$ 68,283
2022	68,283
2023	69,783
2024	12,929
2025	(71,608)
Thereafter	(14,808)
	\$ 132,862

Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2018, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

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NOTE 7 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

Inflation	2.75%
Projected salary increases ¹	3.25%-5.00%
Long-term investment rate of return ²	7.25%
Municipal bond index rate at the measurement date	3.00%
Municipal bond index rate at the prior measurement date	4.18%
Project year for fiduciary net position (FNP) to be depleted	2055
Single equivalent interest rate the measurement date	5.50%
Single equivalent interest rate the prior measurement date	4.44%
Healthcare cost trend rate	
Pre-medicare eligible	6.75%
Medicare eligible	**
Ultimate trend rate	
Pre-medicare eligible	4.75% in 2026
Medicare eligible	4.75% in 2024

¹ Includes 3% wage inflation.

² Compounded annually, net of investment expense and includes inflation

**Initial Medicare claims are set based on scheduled increases through plan year 2022

Mortality rates for the period after service retirement are according to the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted 115% for all ages for males and 112% for ages 78 and over for females. The rates of disabled mortality were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted 105% for males and 120% for females.

The decremental assumptions used in the valuation were selected based on the actuarial experience study prepared as of September 30, 2015, submitted to and adopted by the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama School on September 13, 2016.

The remaining actuarial assumptions (e.g. initial per capita costs, health care cost trends, rate of plan participation, rates of plan election, etc.) used in the September 30, 2018 valuation, however updated Medicare Advantage premium rates which reflect the repeal of the ACA Health Insurer Fee, updated Optional claims costs, and updated participation assumptions were used in this report.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is to be reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every five years in conjunction with similar analysis for the Teachers' Retirement System of Alabama. Several factors should be considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent

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NOTE 7 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation), as developed for each major asset class. These ranges should be combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The long-term expected rate of return on the OPEB plan investments is determined based on the allocation of assets by asset class and by the mean and variance of real returns.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of expected geometric real rates of return for each major asset class is summarized below:

	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return
Fixed Income	30.00%	4.40%
U.S. Large Stocks	38.00%	8.00%
U.S. Mid Stocks	8.00%	10.00%
U.S. Small Stocks	4.00%	11.00%
International Developed Market Stocks	15.00%	9.50%
Cash	5.00%	1.50%
Total	100.00%	

*Geometric mean, includes 2.5% inflation

Discount Rate

The discount rate (also known as the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR), as described by GASB 74) used to measure the total OPEB liability at September 30, 2019 was 5.50%. The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at the prior measurement rate was 4.44%. Premiums paid to the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance School for active employees shall include an amount to partially fund the cost of coverage for retired employees. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan contributions will be made at the current contribution rates. Each year, the State specifies the monthly employer rate that participating school systems must contribute for each active employee. Approximately, 24.245% of the employer contributions were used to assist in funding retiree benefit payments in 2019 and it is assumed that once benefit payments exceed employer contributions, this amount will increase by 1.00% per year and continue into the future. The discount rate determination will use a municipal bond rate to the extent the trust is projected to run out of money before all benefits are paid. Therefore, the projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2117. The long-term rate of return is used until the assets are expected to be depleted in 2055, after which the municipal bond rate is used.

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NOTE 7 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)

Sensitivity of the Accel Day and Evening Academy's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trends rate.

The following table presents the MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.'s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the Trust calculated using the current healthcare trend rate, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if calculated using one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.75% decreasing to 3.75% for pre-Medicare, Known decreasing to 3.75% for Medicare Eligible)	Trend Rate (6.75% decreasing to 4.75% for pre-Medicare, Known decreasing to 4.75% for Medicare Eligible)	1% Increase (7.75% decreasing to 5.75% for pre-Medicare, Known decreasing to 5.75% for Medicare Eligible)
School's proportionate share of collective net OPEB liability	\$ 458,844	\$ 572,253	\$ 715,087

The following table presents the MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.'s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the Trust calculated using the discount rate of 5.50%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if calculated using one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 4.50%	Current Rate 5.50%	1% Increase 6.50%
School's proportionate share of collective net OPEB liability	\$ 691,701	\$ 572,253	\$ 474,704

OPEB plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is located in the Trust's financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 74 Report for PEEHIP prepared as of September 30, 2019. Additional financial and actuarial information is available at www.rsa-al.gov.

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NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended September 30, 2020:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Notes Payable	\$ 168,866	\$ -	\$ 70,604	\$ 98,262	\$ 70,604
Total Notes Payable	168,866	-	70,604	98,262	70,604
Other Liabilities:					
Net Pension Liability	1,260,000	499,000	-	1,759,000	-
Net OPEB Liability	1,069,749	-	497,496	572,253	-
Total Other Liabilities	2,329,749	499,000	497,496	2,331,253	-
Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 2,498,615	\$ 499,000	\$ 568,100	\$ 2,429,515	\$ 70,604

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NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Notes Payable at September 30, 2020, were comprised of the following:

Note payable dated January 1, 2019, with interest rate of 2.00% , due in full at maturity date of January 1, 2022	<u>\$ 98,262</u>
Total Notes Payable	<u><u>\$ 98,262</u></u>

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for long-term debt are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	Principal	Interest
2021	\$ 70,604	\$ 3,961
2022	<u>27,658</u>	<u>5,940</u>
	<u><u>\$ 98,262</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,901</u></u>

NOTE 9 UNCERTANTIES WITH REGARD TO COVID-19

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern.” On March 11, 2020, it was declared it to be a pandemic. The spread of the virus has begun to cause business disruption. Actions taken to mitigate the spread include restrictions on travel, quarantines in certain areas, and forced closures for certain types of public places and businesses. It is unknown how long these conditions will last and what complete financial effect this will have on the School.

In response to the pandemic, the School sought to maximize benefits allowed for under the U.S. Government's Small Business Administration as part of stimulus packages passed. This included applying for and receiving a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program in the amount of \$323,100. The Program also allows for non-taxable loan forgiveness should the School use the funds in accordance with the requirements of the Program. The School received notice of their loan forgiveness on April 12, 2021, therefore it is included in other income at year-end.

NOTE 10 INCOME TAXES

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc. is exempt from income tax pursuant to Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements. The income tax returns of the School are subject to examination by the taxing authorities generally for the three years after they were filed.

During the fiscal year, the Internal Revenue Service informed the School that the nonprofit organization status had been lost due to noncompliance of filing its tax returns. The School worked with the Internal Revenue Service to complete the required documentation and filings. The nonprofit organization status was successfully retroactively reinstated. The School was in compliance as of the end of the fiscal year 2020.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual
(11) – General Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
State	\$ 2,039,008	\$ 2,213,060	\$ 2,213,663	\$ 603
Local	612,382	827,499	510,371	(317,128)
Total Revenues	2,651,390	3,040,559	2,724,034	(316,525)
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instructional	1,383,866	1,553,591	1,514,780	38,811
Instructional Support	295,217	299,118	269,204	29,914
Operation and Maintenance	325,145	325,577	346,033	(20,456)
Auxiliary Services:	9,000	9,000	4,275	4,725
General Administrative	597,236	597,236	822,428	(225,192)
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	70,436	70,436	70,604	(168)
Total Expenditures	2,680,900	2,854,958	3,027,324	(172,366)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(29,510)	185,601	(303,290)	(488,891)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Proceeds from PPP loan	-	-	323,100	323,100
Other Financing Uses	(35,000)	(35,000)	(34,424)	(576)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(35,000)	(35,000)	288,676	322,524
Net Change in Fund Balances	(64,510)	150,601	(14,614)	(166,367)
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	64,510	118,289	155,683	37,394
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ -	\$ 268,890	\$ 141,069	\$ (128,973)

See note to required supplementary information

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual
(12) – Special Revenue Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Federal	\$ 343,950	\$ 354,643	\$ 466,074	\$ 111,431
Local	700	700	860	160
Total Revenues	344,650	355,343	466,934	111,591
Expenditures				
Current:				
Instructional	71,178	75,204	198,804	(123,600)
Instructional Support	158,272	164,939	65,218	99,721
Operation and Maintenance	-	-	27,664	(27,664)
Auxiliary Services:	150,200	150,200	106,447	43,753
General Administrative	-	-	102,287	(102,287)
Total Expenditures	379,650	390,343	500,420	(110,077)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(35,000)	(35,000)	(33,486)	1,514
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Other financing Sources	35,000	35,000	34,424	(576)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	35,000	35,000	34,424	(576)
Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	938	938
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 938	\$ 938

See note to required supplementary information

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Note to Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

NOTE 1 BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

On or before October 1 of each year, the School is required to prepare and submit to the state superintendent of education the annual budget to be adopted by the School. Neither the superintendent of education nor the School can approve any budget for operations of the school system for a fiscal year which shows expenditures in excess of income estimated to be available plus any balances on hand. The superintendent, with the approval of the School, has the authority to make changes within the approved budget provided that a deficit is not incurred by such changes.

Final budgeted amounts were adopted by the School on June 2020.

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MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Teacher's Retirement Plan of Alabama
September 30

	2018	2019	2020
School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.014050%	0.012671%	0.015913%
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 1,381,000	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 1,759,000
School's covered-employee payroll*	\$ 964,992	\$ 1,075,542	\$ 1,222,924
School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	143.11%	117.15%	143.84%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	71.50%	72.29%	69.85%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

*Employer's covered-employee payroll during the measurement period is the total payroll paid to covered employees (not just pensionable payroll). For FY 2020, the measurement period is October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019.

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MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Schedule of School Contributions
Teacher's Retirement Plan of Alabama
September 30

	2018	2019	2020
Contractually Required Contribution*	\$ 111,910	\$ 127,179	\$ 143,343
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution*	<u>111,910</u>	<u>127,179</u>	<u>143,343</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School's covered employee-payroll**	\$ 964,992	\$ 1,075,542	\$ 1,222,924
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	11.60%	11.82%	11.72%

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

*Amount of employer contributions equal to the amount that would be recognized as additions from the employer's contributions in the pension plan's schedule of changes in fiduciary net position during the period that coincides with the employer's fiscal year. This does not include amounts paid for Pre-retirement Death Benefit, Term Life Insurance or Administrative Expenses. It does include the amounts paid for the Employer's portion of the Normal Cost and Accrued Liability

**Employer's covered-employee payroll during the measurement period is the total payroll paid to covered employees (not just pensionable payroll). For FY 2020, the measurement period is October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019.

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability
Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30

	2018	2019	2020
School's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.077310%	0.013016%	0.015168%
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 574,215	\$ 1,069,749	\$ 572,253
School's covered-employee payroll	\$ 964,992	\$ 1,075,542	\$ 1,222,924
School's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	59.50%	99.46%	46.79%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	15.37%	14.81%	28.14%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.
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MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Schedule of Contributions
Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 31,070	\$ 42,671	\$ 29,367
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>31,070</u>	<u>42,671</u>	<u>29,367</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School's covered employee-payroll	\$ 964,992	\$ 1,075,542	\$ 1,222,924
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	3.22%	3.97%	2.40%

<p>This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.</p>

MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Note to Required Supplementary Information
Alabama Retired Education Employees' Health Care Trust
For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

NOTE 1*Changes in actuarial assumptions*

In 2016, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability, mortality, spouse coverage, and tobacco usage were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2016, economic assumptions and the assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience. In 2016 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2020 using scale BB and adjusted 115% for all ages for males and 112% for ages 78 and over for females.

Recent Plan Changes

Beginning in plan year 2021, the MAPD plan premium rates exclude the ACA Health Insurer Fee which was repealed on December 20, 2019.

Effective January 1, 2017, Medicare eligible medical and prescription drug benefits are provided through the MAPD plan.

The Plan is changed periodically to reflect the Affordable Care Act (ACA) maximum annual out-of-pocket amounts.

Methods and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of September 30, 2016 three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level percent of pay
Remaining Amortization Period	25 year, closed
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value of Assets
Inflation	2.875%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	7.75%
Medicare Eligible	5.00%
Ultimate Trend Rate:	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	5.00%
Medicare Eligible	5.00%
Year of Ultimate Trend Rate	2022 for Pre-Medicare Eligible 2018 for Medicare Eligible
Investment Rate of Return	5.00%, including inflation

COMPLIANCE SECTION



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

Members of the Board
MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.
Mobile, Alabama

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc. as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise MAEF Public Charter Schools, Inc.'s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Avizo Group, Inc.

Certified Public Accountants

June 23, 2021
Brewton, Alabama