

**ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC.
(A Texas Nonprofit Organization)**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

For the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023

ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC.
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CDN: 101810
(Federal Employer Identification Number: 31-1583056)
Certificate of Board

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached Financial and Compliance Report of Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. was reviewed and (check one) ☒ approved ☐ disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2024, at a meeting of the governing body of the charter holder on the 23rd day of January 2025.



Signature of Board Secretary



Signature of Board President



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Directors of
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. (the "Academy"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Academy as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US 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 other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with US GAAP, 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 within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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 opinion. 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 US 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 US 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.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Academy's August 31, 2023, financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated January 26, 2024. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and other supplementary information presented under table of contents are required by the Texas Education Agency and are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other



governance. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, as items 2024-002, 2024-003, and 2024-004, to be a significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of 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*.

The Academy's Response to Findings

The Academy's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The Academy's responses were not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

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

McConnell & Jones LLP

Houston, Texas
January 23, 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC.
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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,393,220	\$ 8,769,848
Grants receivable	816,136	295,949
Other accounts receivables	103,653	112,274
Prepaid expenses	102,257	11,661
Total current assets	<u>6,415,266</u>	<u>9,189,732</u>
Noncurrent Assets:		
Security deposits	81,701	61,701
Property and equipment, net	16,742,712	2,799,131
Right of use assets - operating, net	774,836	1,829,024
Total noncurrent assets	<u>17,599,249</u>	<u>4,689,856</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 24,014,515</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,879,588</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 147,284	\$ 37,886
Payroll and related liabilities	187,387	545,486
Right of use liability - operating lease due within one year	663,614	1,093,947
Total current liabilities	<u>998,285</u>	<u>1,677,319</u>
Long-term debt payable, net of discount	13,141,579	-
Right of use liability - operating lease due in more than one year	115,841	742,239
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>13,257,420</u>	<u>742,239</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>14,255,705</u>	<u>2,419,558</u>
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	2,024,830	1,943,975
With donor restrictions	7,733,980	9,516,055
Total net assets	<u>9,758,810</u>	<u>11,460,030</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 24,014,515</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,879,588</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024
(With summarized financial information of 2023)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Totals	
			2024	2023
REVENUES				
Local support:				
Local revenues	\$ 293,332	\$ -	\$ 293,332	\$ 249,629
Total local and other revenues	293,332	-	293,332	249,629
State program revenues:				
Foundation school program	-	9,344,427	9,344,427	8,595,126
Other state revenue (TEA)	-	304,787	304,787	108,075
Total state program revenues	-	9,649,214	9,649,214	8,703,201
Child Care and Development fund	-	115,022	115,022	80,000
School breakfast program	-	135,975	135,975	147,321
National school lunch program	-	461,378	461,378	464,289
ESEA Title I Part A	-	633,707	633,707	516,895
ESEA Title II Part A	-	53,027	53,027	45,250
ESEA Title III Part A	-	23,695	23,695	53,317
ESEA Title IV Part A	-	46,774	46,774	38,507
ESSER Grant	-	-	-	15,576
CRRSA ESSER II	-	-	-	1,038,076
ARP ESSER III	-	2,181,267	2,181,267	615,876
IDEA PART B formula	-	141,940	141,940	124,582
IDEA PART B pre-school	-	2,497	2,497	2,050
Total federal program revenues	-	3,795,282	3,795,282	3,141,739
Net assets released from restrictions:				
Restrictions satisfied by payments	15,226,571	(15,226,571)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 15,519,903	\$ (1,782,075)	\$ 13,737,828	\$ 12,094,569
EXPENSES				
Program Services:				
Instruction and instructional-related services	\$ 6,855,896	\$ -	\$ 6,855,896	\$ 6,303,563
Instructional and school leadership	816,012	-	816,012	533,625
Support Services:				
Support services - student (pupil)	1,026,247	-	1,026,247	894,662
Administrative support services	1,694,800	-	1,694,800	1,135,581
Support services - non-student based	4,375,583	-	4,375,583	3,078,640
Community services	32,817	-	32,817	8,120
Debt service	637,693	-	637,693	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,439,048	-	15,439,048	11,954,191
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	80,855	(1,782,075)	(1,701,220)	140,378
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,943,975	9,516,055	11,460,030	11,319,652
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 2,024,830	\$ 7,733,980	\$ 9,758,810	\$ 11,460,030

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024
(With summarized financial information for 2023)

	Program Services			Supporting Services							
	Instruction and Instructional Services	Instructional and School Leadership	Total Program Services	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	Support Services - Non-Student Based	Community Services	Administrative Support Services	Debt Service	Total Support Services	Total Expenditures 2024	Total Expenditures 2023
EXPENSES:											
Teachers and other professional personnel	\$ 2,980,890	\$ 433,267	\$ 3,414,157	\$ 164,934	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 784,328	\$ -	\$ 949,262	\$ 4,363,419	\$ 4,153,328
Support personnel	459,049	196,808	655,857	-	371,087	-	83,548	-	454,635	1,110,492	735,710
Employee Benefits	454,683	114,306	568,989	(8,371)	82,187	-	106,747	-	180,563	749,552	687,516
Total Payroll Expenses	3,894,622	744,381	4,639,003	156,563	453,274	-	974,623	-	1,584,460	6,223,463	5,576,554
Professional services	612,619	-	612,619	-	-	-	298,550	-	298,550	911,169	953,065
Education service center services	3,900	2,591	6,491	-	26	-	-	-	26	6,517	-
Contracted, maintenance and repair	-	-	-	120	281,015	-	-	-	281,135	281,135	282,570
Utilities	-	-	-	-	611,918	-	-	-	611,918	611,918	313,047
Rentals	-	-	-	2,358	1,167,634	-	12,176	-	1,182,168	1,182,168	1,163,172
Miscellaneous contracted services	1,821,787	3,835	1,825,622	47,683	466,815	3,250	255,540	-	773,288	2,598,910	1,139,112
Maintenance and operations	-	-	-	-	105,049	-	-	-	105,049	105,049	143,469
Instructional materials	35,517	-	35,517	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,517	(4,555)
Testing materials	84,132	-	84,132	-	-	-	-	-	-	84,132	53,526
Food service	59	-	59	773,136	-	-	-	-	773,136	773,195	765,594
Supplies and materials	161,262	20,488	181,750	18,574	202,176	16,976	27,044	-	264,770	446,520	902,062
Travel, subsistence, and stipends	169,730	6,610	176,340	4,006	5,213	-	70,279	-	79,498	255,838	124,875
Insurance and bonding costs	-	-	-	-	99,652	-	4,672	-	104,324	104,324	51,887
Depreciation expense	-	-	-	-	812,752	-	-	-	812,752	812,752	403,844
Miscellaneous operating costs	32,353	38,107	70,460	23,807	170,059	12,591	51,916	-	258,373	328,833	85,968
Interest expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	637,693	637,693	637,693	-
Library books and media	39,915	-	39,915	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,915	-
Total Non-payroll Expenses	2,961,274	71,631	3,032,905	869,684	3,922,309	32,817	720,177	637,693	6,182,680	9,215,585	6,377,637
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,855,896	\$ 816,012	\$ 7,671,908	\$ 1,026,247	\$ 4,375,583	\$ 32,817	\$ 1,694,800	\$ 637,693	\$ 7,767,140	\$ 15,439,048	\$ 11,954,191

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
State grant receipts	\$ 9,129,027	\$ 8,759,610
Federal grant receipts	3,795,282	3,141,739
Receipts from miscellaneous sources	301,953	143,384
Payments to or on behalf of employees for services rendered	(6,581,562)	(5,529,603)
Payments to vendors for goods and services rendered	(7,768,881)	(6,165,466)
Interest payments	(637,693)	-
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(1,761,874)</u>	<u>349,664</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	<u>(2,637,145)</u>	<u>(1,372,055)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(2,637,145)</u>	<u>(1,372,055)</u>
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>(4,399,019)</u>	<u>776,969</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>9,792,239</u>	<u>9,015,270</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 5,393,220</u>	<u>\$ 9,792,239</u>
Reconciliation of change in net assets		
to net cash used by operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (1,701,220)	\$ 140,378
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	812,752	403,844
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Grants receivable	(520,187)	56,409
Other accounts receivable	8,621	(106,245)
Prepaid expense	(90,596)	-
Security deposits	(20,000)	-
Right of use asset - operating	1,054,188	(1,829,024)
Accounts payable	109,398	(198,835)
Accrued and other liabilities	(358,099)	46,951
Right of use liability - operating	(1,056,731)	1,836,186
Total adjustments	<u>(60,654)</u>	<u>209,286</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ (1,761,874)</u>	<u>\$ 349,664</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC.
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. (the “Academy”) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in the State of Texas in 1998 and is exempt from federal income taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Academy is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of five members. The Board of Directors is selected pursuant to the bylaws of the Academy and has the authority to make decisions, appoint the Academy’s Superintendent, and significantly influence operations. The Board of Directors has primary accountability for the fiscal affairs of the Academy.

Since the Academy receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources, it must comply with the requirements of the entities providing those funds.

Corporate Operations

The Academy was organized to provide educational services to at-risk students in the Houston Metropolitan area in Texas. The programs, services, activities and functions are governed by the Academy’s Board of Directors. On May 15, 1998, the Texas State Board of Education granted the Academy an open-enrollment charter pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code. Pursuant to the program described in the charter application approved by the State Board of Education and the terms of the applicable Contract for Charter, the Academy opened on September 1, 1998. The Academy operates three different campus locations under a single charter in fiscal year 2024 and 2023 and did not conduct any other charter or non-charter activities. The Academy’s current charter expires on July 31, 2033.

The Academy is part of the public school system of the State of Texas and is, therefore, entitled to distributions from the State’s available school fund. The Academy does not have the authority to impose ad valorem taxes on its district or to charge tuition.

Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The financial statements of the Academy have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP).

Net assets and revenues, expenses gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Academy are reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – These are resources that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and can be used for general operations of the Academy.

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Net Assets with donor restrictions – These are resources that are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may be met, either by actions of the Academy and/or the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. The Academy did not have perpetual restrictions as of August 31, 2024 and 2023. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions upon satisfaction of the time or purpose and restrictions are reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributions

All contributions are considered available for the Academy's general programs unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor are reported as restricted support and increase net assets with donor restrictions. Contributions received with donor-imposed conditions and restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as support without donor restrictions and increase net assets without donor restrictions.

Revenue Recognition

State Foundation School Program revenues are recognized based on the reported student attendance. State and Federal grant revenues are recognized when services are rendered. Contributions and other revenues are recognized when received or unconditionally promised by a third party.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Academy considers all monies in banks and highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less from date of purchase to be cash equivalents. The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value because of the short maturities of those financial instruments.

Grants Receivable

Grants receivables represent pending reimbursements of program expenses incurred and billed as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, expected to be received from the funding sources in the subsequent year. Management considers grants receivable as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, in the amount of \$816,136 and \$295,949, respectively, to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for delinquent grants receivable was made in the accompanying financial statements.

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Capital Asset

Capital assets include leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture and fixtures. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost and are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets, using the straight-line method of depreciation. Expenditures for capital asset additions, major renewals and betterments of capital assets are capitalized, and maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Donated capital assets are recorded as direct additions to net assets at fair value at the date of donation. The Academy did not have any donated capital assets as of August 31, 2024 and 2023.

Right-of-Use Assets – Operating

A right-of-use-asset – operating is recognized at the present value of the lease payments at inception of the lease. Lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis as rent expense in the statement of activities.

Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

Per the Texas Education Agency, Foundation School Program revenues should be classified as revenue with donor restrictions. However, the funds do not have a time restriction but must be used for educational purposes in accordance with State law. As such, there are cash and receivables that are due from the State and are available for use for educational purposes. As part of the Academy's liquidity management practice, the Academy monitors its cash periodically and invests excess cash in certificates of deposit with different banks in various amounts of \$250,000 or less per bank.

The Academy financial assets available within one year of the financial position date to meet cash needs for general expenditures are as follows:

	2024	2023
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,393,220	\$ 8,769,848
Grants receivable	816,136	295,949
Other accounts receivables	103,653	112,274
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months	<u>\$ 6,313,009</u>	<u>\$ 9,178,071</u>

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Federal Income Taxes

The Academy is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Academy did not conduct unrelated business activities during the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023. Accordingly, the Academy did not provide for federal income taxes in the accompanying financial statements.

The Academy applies the provisions of FASB ASC Topic 740-10, *Income Taxes*, which prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FASB ASC 740-10 also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosures and transition. The Academy believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.

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 certain estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates included in the Academy's financial statements are the state funding receivables, functional allocations of expenses and the useful lives used for estimating annual depreciation and amortization amounts for property and equipment.

Compensated Absences

Annual employees (12-month employees) are the only employees eligible to accrue annual leave time. Under the Academy's policy, vacation time and sick leave are earned based on the employees' length of service. Employees are expected to use vacation days in the year which they are earned. In cases of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, employees may accumulate and carry vacation days for a total maximum of 30 days at the close of the school year. Unused vacation days in excess of the maximum will be lost. The Academy does not pay for any unused vacation time. Therefore, no accrual for unused vacation or sick days is recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

Budget

The official school budget is prepared for adoption for required for all funds in the aggregate. The annual budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and is formally adopted by the Board of Directors.

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Prior to the beginning of each school year, the Academy prepares and submits its annual budget for the next fiscal year. However, due to the significant inflows and outflows of students from the program, the budget must be amended on a regular basis. This has resulted in the variances between the original adopted budget and the final amended budget presented on the Budgetary Comparison Schedule. Management has taken steps to ensure that future related budgets are amended on a frequent basis to reflect changes in actual and budget amounts.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02 – Leases (Topic 842), which supersedes existing guidance on leases and amends and supersedes a number of other paragraphs throughout the FASB ASC. ASU 2016-02 changes the accounting for leases, primarily by lessees in operating leases, by requiring: (a) the recognition of (i) a lease asset (right of use) and a lease liability, initially measured at the present value of the lease payments, in the statement of financial position and (ii) a single lease cost, calculated so that the cost of the lease is allocated over the lease term, generally on a straight-line basis, and (b) the classification of all lease payments within the operating activities in the statement of cash flows. FASB delayed the leasing standard effective date for non-public entities to December 15, 2023. The new standard increases transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of Right of Use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position. Most prominent of the changes in the standard is recognizing ROU assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases. Under the standard, disclosures are required to meet the objective of enabling users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases.

During fiscal year 2023, the Academy adopted FASB ASSU 2016-02. As a result of the adoption of the standard. The Academy recorded a Right of use asset – operating as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, of \$774,836 and \$1,829,024 respectively, relating to operating leases.

NOTE 2: CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT AND BUSINESS RISKS

The Academy maintains cash balances with financial institutions in the state. As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, the Academy's cash balance at one of the financial institutions exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured limit of \$250,000 per customer by \$1,443,528 and \$4,361,706 , respectively. Management believes that this credit risk exposure was mitigated by the financial strength of the banking institutions in which the deposits were held.

Credit risk associated with receivables is minimal due to the credit worthiness of the federal, state and local funding agencies.

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The State of Texas and Federal Government provided 70% and 28% of the Academy's total revenues for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 88% and 11% of the Academy's total revenues for the year ended August 31, 2023.

NOTE 3: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at August 31, 2024 and 2023, were as follows:

	2024	2023
Land	\$ 2,810,000	\$ -
Buildings & Improvements	14,855,460	379,399
Computer and equipment	201,161	193,025
Furniture and fixtures	533,288	497,660
Leasehold improvements	284,002	3,080,732
Art & Collections	5,583	5,583
	18,689,494	4,156,399
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(1,946,782)	(1,357,268)
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 16,742,712</u>	<u>\$ 2,799,131</u>

Capital assets acquired with public funds received by the Academy for operations constitute public property pursuant to Chapter 12 of the Texas Education Code. Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, was \$812,752 and \$403,844, respectively.

NOTE 4: NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

At August 31, 2024 and 2023, the Academy had net assets with donor restrictions of \$7,733,980 that consisted of the following, by program:

Program	2024	2023
Food Program Service	\$ (27,257)	\$ 135,510
Foundation School Program and Other State Aid	7,761,237	9,380,545
	<u>\$ 7,733,980</u>	<u>\$ 9,516,055</u>

NOTE 5: OPERATING LEASES

Leases result in the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities on the statements of financial position. ROU assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the

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lease, measured on a discounted basis. The Academy determines lease classification as operating or finance at the lease commencement date. The Academy determined all leases resulting in the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities to be operating leases.

The Academy uses the risk-free rate based on the information available at the commencement date to determine the present value of lease payments. Risk-free rates used to determine the present value of lease payments were derived by reference to the interest paid on short-term government debt.

The Academy leases office space, equipment and classrooms under operating leases. The leases expire through July 31, 2026. The lease cost for all operating leases for the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 was \$1,023,034 and \$1,105,162, respectively. Cash paid included in the measurement of lease liabilities related to leases was \$779,455.

The following table provides the weighted-average term and discount rates for operating leases outstanding as of August 31, 2024.

Weighted-average remaining lease term	15 months
Weighted-average discount rate	5%

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments, by year, on noncancellable operating leases.

<u>Year Ended August 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 663,614
2026	115,841
	<u>\$ 779,455</u>

NOTE 6: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Academy receives funds through state and federal programs that are governed by various statutes and regulations. State program funding is based primarily on student attendance data submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and is subject to audit and adjustment. In addition, expenses charged to federal and state programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies. The programs administered by the Academy have multiple compliance requirements and should state or federal auditors discover areas of noncompliance, the funds may be subject to refund if so, determined by the TEA or the grantor agencies.

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NOTE 7: PENSION PLAN OBLIGATIONS

Plan Description

The Academy contributes to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (the “System” or “TRS”), a public employee retirement system. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with one exception; all risks and costs are not shared by the Academy but are the liability of the State of Texas. The System administers retirement and disability annuities, and death and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The System operates under the authority of provisions contained primarily in the Texas Government Code, Title 8, Public Retirement Systems, Subtitle C, Teacher Retirement System of Texas, which is subject to amendment by the Texas legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the defined benefit plan. That report may be obtained by writing to the System’s Communications Department, 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701 or by calling the System’s Communications Department at 1-800-223-8778, or by downloading the report from the System’s Internet website, www.trs.state.tx.us, under the TRS Publications Heading.

The risk of participating in this multiemployer defined benefit pension plan is different from a single-employer plan because: (a) the Academy is a legally separate entity from the State of Texas, (b) assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers, (c) if a participating employer stops contributing to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may be required to be borne by the remaining participating employers, and (d) if an entity chooses to stop participating in the multiemployer plan, there is no withdrawal liability to the plan. The Academy has no plans to withdraw from its multiemployer plan.

The following presents information about the Academy's multiemployer pension plan as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023:

<u>Name of Pension Fund</u>	<u>EIN and Plan No.</u>	<u>Total Plan Assets</u> (in thousands)		<u>Accumulated Benefit Obligations</u> (in thousands)		<u>% funded</u>	
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
TRS	N/A	\$243,089,146	\$213,472,526	\$271,627,434	\$255,860,887	77.51%	73.15%

The following presents information about the Academy’s involvement of such multiemployer pension plan for the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023:

<u>Collective Bargaining Agreement</u>	<u>School's Contributions 2024</u>	<u>School's Contributions 2023</u>	<u>More than 5% of Total Contributions</u>	<u>FIP/RP Status</u>	<u>Surcharge Imposed</u>
N/A	\$248,732	\$218,102	No	N/A	No

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Funding Policy

Under provisions in State law, the System's plan members are required to contribute 8% of their annual covered salary for TRS Retirement and .65% of their annual covered salary to TRS Care. The State of Texas contributes an amount equal to 8% of the covered payroll of the participating employees compensated with State funds for TRS Retirement and 1.25% for TRS Care.

The Academy employees' contributions to the TRS System were as follows:

	2024	2023
TRS Retirement	\$ 447,519	\$ 334,407
TRS Care	35,260	27,171
	<u>\$ 482,779</u>	<u>\$ 361,578</u>

The Academy's total contribution to the TRS System, for both TRS Retirement and TRS Care, were \$40,683 and \$31,349 for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 8: HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

During the year ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, employees of the Academy were covered by a Health Insurance Plan (the "Plan"). The Academy contributed, depending on the coverage option selected by employees, \$432 per month per employee to the Plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll deductions to pay contributions or premiums for dependents. All premiums were paid to licensed insurers.

NOTE 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 23, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. On October 15, 2024, the Academy closed on the issuance of two education revenue bonds totaling \$6,760,000 for the purchase of the Ashcroft building, a building previously leased as a school location. The bonds have a 30 year term with semi-annual payments commencing on February 15, 2025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC.
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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023
(With summarized financial information for 2022)

				Totals	
		Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2024	2023
Local support:					
5700	Local revenues	\$ 293,332	\$ -	\$ 293,332	\$ 249,629
	Total local support	293,332	-	293,332	249,629
State program revenues:					
5810	Foundation school program	-	9,344,427	9,344,427	8,595,126
5820	Other state revenue (TEA)	-	304,787	304,787	108,075
	Total state program revenues	-	9,649,214	9,649,214	8,703,201
Federal program revenues:					
5919	Child Care and Development fund	-	115,022	115,022	80,000
5921	School breakfast program	-	135,975	135,975	147,321
5922	National school lunch program	-	461,378	461,378	464,289
5921	ESEA Title I Part A	-	633,707	633,707	516,895
5922	ESEA Title II Part A	-	53,027	53,027	45,250
5929	ESEA Title III Part A	-	23,695	23,695	53,317
5929	ESEA Title IV Part A	-	46,774	46,774	38,507
5929	ESSER Grant	-	-	-	15,576
5929	ESSER Grant II	-	-	-	1,038,076
5929	ARP ESSER III	-	2,181,267	2,181,267	615,876
5929	IDEA PART B formula	-	141,940	141,940	124,582
5929	IDEA PART B PreSchool	-	2,497	2,497	2,050
	Total Federal Program Revenues	-	3,795,282	3,795,282	3,141,739
Net assets released from restrictions:					
	Restrictions satisfied by payments	15,226,571	(15,226,571)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 15,519,903	\$ (1,782,075)	\$ 13,737,828	\$ 12,094,569
Expenses:					
11	Instruction	6,623,299	-	6,623,299	6,142,852
12	Instructional resources and media services	103,816	-	103,816	94,813
13	Curriculum development and instructional staff development	132,234	-	132,234	139,320
21	Instructional leadership	-	-	-	-
23	School leadership	812,067	-	812,067	533,625
31	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	38,054	-	38,054	61,381
33	Health services	128,776	-	128,776	70,150
34	Student (pupil) transportation	4,623	-	4,623	-
35	Food services	770,086	-	770,086	763,131
36	Extracurricular activities	85,227	-	85,227	-
41	General administration	1,694,773	-	1,694,773	1,133,018
51	Facilities maintenance and operations	3,816,091	-	3,816,091	2,786,381
52	Security and monitoring services	408,597	-	408,597	148,151
53	Data Processing Services	150,895	-	150,895	73,249
61	Community Services	32,817	-	32,817	8,120
71	Debt service	637,693	-	637,693	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 15,439,048	\$ -	\$ 15,439,048	\$ 11,954,191
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		80,855	(1,782,075)	(1,701,220)	140,378
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,943,975	9,516,055	11,460,030	11,319,652
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR		\$ 2,024,830	\$ 7,733,980	\$ 9,758,810	\$ 11,460,030

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
6100	Payroll costs	\$ 6,223,463	\$ 5,576,554
6200	Professional and contracted services	5,591,819	3,850,967
6300	Supplies and maintenance	1,444,413	1,860,096
6400	Other operating costs	1,501,745	666,574
6500	Debt service	637,693	-
6600	Library books and media	<u>39,915</u>	<u>-</u>
	Total expenses	<u>\$ 15,439,048</u>	<u>\$ 11,954,191</u>

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SCHEDULES OF ASSETS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

		2024			
		Ownership Interest			Total
		Local	State	Federal	
1110	Cash	\$ -	\$ 5,393,220	\$ -	\$ 5,393,220
1510	Land	-	2,810,000	-	2,810,000
1520	Buildings & improvements	-	14,855,460	-	14,855,460
1535	Computer and equipment	-	201,161	-	201,161
1539	Furniture and fixtures	-	488,808	44,480	533,288
1540	Leasehold improvements	-	284,002	-	284,002
	Art & Collections	-	5,583	-	5,583
	Total cash and capital assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$24,038,234</u>	<u>\$ 44,480</u>	<u>\$24,082,714</u>
		2023			
		Ownership Interest			Total
		Local	State	Federal	
1110	Cash	\$ -	\$ 8,769,848	\$ -	\$ 8,769,848
1520	Buildings & improvements	-	379,399	-	379,399
1535	Computer and equipment	-	193,025	-	193,025
1539	Furniture and fixtures	-	453,180	44,480	497,660
1540	Leasehold improvements	-	3,080,732	-	3,080,732
	Art & Collections	-	5,583	-	5,583
	Total cash and capital assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$12,881,767</u>	<u>\$ 44,480</u>	<u>\$12,926,247</u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

		Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Actual Compared to Final Budgeted Amounts		Explanations See References	Final Compared to Original Budgeted Amounts		Explanations See References
		Original	Final		\$ Variance	% Variance		Unaudited	\$ Variance	
REVENUES										
Local support:										
5700	Local revenues and intermediate sources	\$ 225,000	\$ 385,709	\$ 293,332	\$ (92,377)	-24%	{a}	\$ 160,709	71%	{e}
State program revenues:										
5810	Foundation school program Act	9,830,782	9,429,644	9,344,427	(85,217)	-1%	{c}	(401,138)	-4%	
5820	Other state revenue	-	-	304,787	304,787	100%		-	0%	
		9,830,782	9,429,644	9,649,214	219,570					
Federal program revenues:										
5920	Federal program revenues	3,242,308	4,425,162	3,795,282	(629,880)	-14%	{d}	1,182,854	36%	{f}
		3,242,308	4,425,162	3,795,282	(629,880)					
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 13,298,090	\$ 14,240,515	\$ 13,737,828	\$ (502,687)					
EXPENSES										
11	Instruction	5,000,430	4,755,000	\$ 4,835,008	\$ (80,008)	-2%		\$ 245,430	5%	
11	Instruction - Learning Loss using ESSER funds	2,220,044	1,917,193	1,788,291	128,902	7%		302,851	14%	{g}
12	Instructional resources and media services	93,064	103,816	103,816	-	0%		(10,752)	-12%	{h}
13	Curriculum development and instructional staff development	52,702	133,143	132,234	909	1%		(80,441)	-153%	{i}
23	School leadership	738,207	812,588	812,067	521	0%		(74,381)	-10%	{j}
31	Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	147,663	37,536	38,054	(518)	-1%		110,127	75%	{k}
33	Health services	70,692	128,775	128,776	(1)	0%		(58,083)	-82%	{l}
34	Student transportation	-	4,624	4,623	1	0%		(4,624)	100%	{m}
35	Food services	892,164	775,494	770,086	5,408	1%		116,670	13%	{n}
36	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	-	85,226	85,227	(1)	0%		(85,226)	100%	{o}
41	General administration	821,692	1,729,790	1,694,773	35,017	2%		(908,098)	-111%	{p}
51	Facilities maintenance and operations	2,942,493	3,752,149	3,816,091	(63,942)	-2%		(809,656)	-28%	{q}
52	Security and monitoring services	172,738	408,597	408,597	-	0%		(235,859)	-137%	{r}
53	Data Processing Services	96,986	150,903	150,895	8	0%		(53,917)	-56%	{s}
61	Community Services	15,000	32,817	32,817	-	0%		(17,817)	-119%	{t}
71	Other Debt Fees	-	598,564	637,693	\$ (39,129)	-7%		\$ (598,564)	100%	{u}
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 13,263,875	\$ 15,426,215	\$ 15,439,048	\$ (12,833)					
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		34,215	(1,185,700)	(1,701,220)	(489,854)					
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		11,460,030	11,460,030	11,460,030						
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR		\$ 11,494,245	\$ 10,274,330	\$ 9,758,810						

Refer to next page for the references

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

References:

- {a} Additional funds received from Harris County for Day Care Center
- {c} Additional state grants received during 2023-2024 fiscal year TEA flow through
- {d} Additional federal fund grants received during 2023-2024 fiscal year
- {e} Additional funds received from Harris County for Day Care Center
- {f} Additional federal fund grants received during 2023-2024 fiscal year
- {g} Since this federal fund ended as of September 2024 more funds were utilized in the 2023-2024 fiscal year
- {h} Additional stipends paid out function 12 than originally budgeted
- {i} Additional Professional Development training and services
- {j} Additional funds for recruiting and summer school assistance
- {k} A Guidance Counselor originally budgeted for was not hired in the 2023-2024 school year
- {l} Additional nurse hired for 2023-2024 school year
- {m} Transportation was needed for students when maintenance conditions required students to attend another campus
- {n} Due to decreased enrollment, less meals were served than originally budgeted
- {o} Additional payroll/expenses for club sports
- {p} Administration personnel changes - 2 additional administrative positions hired for the 2023-2024 fiscal year
- {q} Additional upgrades and unexpected repairs needed to building at all campuses
- {r} Additional safety and security upgrades made to buildings on each campus with federal funds received
- {s} Additional funds for IT contracted services/Upgraded network system
- {t} Additional community engagement for recruiting
- {u} Debt service payment due on bond approved in middle of fiscal year

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SCHEDULE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP INTEREST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Description	Property Address	Total Assessed Value	Ownership Interest (Local)	Ownership Interest (State)	Ownership Interest (Federal)
Savoy Campus	5999 Savoy Dr, Houston, TX	7,076,985	100%		
Ashcroft Campus	7419 Ashcroft Dr, Houston, TX	1,376,000	100%		

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**USE OF FUNDS REPORTS – SELECT STATE ALLOTMENT PROGRAMS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

Data Codes

Responses

Section A: Compensatory Education Programs

Districts are required to use at least 55% of state compensatory education state allotment funds on direct program costs. Statutory Authority: Texas Education Code, 48.104.		
AP1	Did your School expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the district's fiscal year?	Yes
AP2	Does the School have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program?	Yes
AP3	List the total state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the school's fiscal year.	\$1,288,441
AP4	List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the School's fiscal year. (PICs 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 34)	\$808,906

Section B: Bilingual Education Programs

Districts are required to use at least 55% of bilingual education state allotment funds on direct program costs. Statutory Authority: Texas Education Code, 48.105.		
AP5	Did your School expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the School's fiscal year?	Yes
AP6	Does the School have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program?	Yes
AP7	List the total state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the School's fiscal year.	\$313,833
AP8	List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the School's fiscal year. (PICs 25, 35)	\$213,647

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL



**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***

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Directors of
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

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 Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. (the "Academy"), a Texas nonprofit organization, which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 23, 2025.

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) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, as item 2024-001, to be a material weakness.

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



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additional procedures in accordance with US GAAS. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and other supplementary information presented under table of contents, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 23, 2025, on our consideration of the Charter'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 Charter'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 Charter's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

McConnell & Jones LLP

Houston, Texas
January 23, 2025



**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Academy of Accelerated Learning Inc. (the "Academy") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Academy's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2024. The Academy's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Academy complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Academy's federal programs.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Academy's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Academy's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency



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described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, as item 2024-004, to be a significant deficiency.

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

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

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

McConnell & Jones LLP

Houston, Texas
January 23, 2025

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Pass-Through State Department of Agriculture			
Pass-Through Texas Department of Agriculture			
School Breakfast Program ¹	10.553	71401401	\$ 135,975
National School Lunch Program ¹	10.555	71301401	461,378
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>597,353</u>
U.S. Department of Education			
Pass-Through State Department of Education			
Pass-Through Texas Education Agency			
ESEA Title I Part A: Improving Basic Education Program	84.010A	23610101101810	633,707
IDEA Part B: Special Education Program ²	84.027A	236600011018106600	141,940
IDEA Part B: Preschool: Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	236610011018106000	2,497
ESEA Title II Part A: Improving Teacher Quality Program	84.367A	23694501101810	53,027
ESEA Title III Part A: English Language Acquisition Program	84.365A	23671001101810	23,695
ESEA Title IV Part A, Subpart I	84.424A	23680101101810	46,774
STRONGER CONNECTIONS GRANT	84.424F	236811017110027	19,370
COVID-19 - ARP ESSER III	84.425U	21528001101810	2,181,267
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>3,102,277</u>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Pass-Through Texas Workforce Commission			
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund ³	93.596	2812CCM24	95,652
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>95,652</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 3,795,282</u>

Note 1: Represents Child Nutrition Cluster

Note 2: Represents Special Education Cluster (IDEA)

Note 3: Represents 477 Cluster

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
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NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the “Schedule”) includes the federal grant activity of the Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. (“the Academy”) under programs of the federal government for the year ended August 31, 2024. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Academy, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the Academy.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Subpart E of the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting is described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The period of availability for federal grant funds for the purpose of liquidation of outstanding obligations made on or before the ending date of the federal project period extended 30 days beyond the federal project period ending date, in accordance with provisions in Uniform Guidance Compliance Supplement.

NOTE 3 - RELATIONSHIP TO FINANCIAL REPORT SUBMITTED TO GRANTOR AGENCIES

Amounts reflected in the financial reports filed with grantor agencies for the programs and the supplementary schedules may not agree because of accruals which would be included in the next report filed with the agencies, matching requirements not included in the Schedule and due to different program year ends.

NOTE 4 - ELECTION TO USE 10% DE MINIMUS INDIRECT COST RATE

The Academy’s grant agreements do not allow use of indirect cost rate and hence, the Academy did not use 10% de minimum indirect cost rate.

NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Federal grants received by the Academy are subject to review and audit by grantor agencies. The Academy’s management believes that the results of such audits will not have a material effect on the Schedule.

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PART 1: SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statement Section

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| 1. Type of auditor's report issued: | Unmodified |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| a) Material weakness identified? | Yes |
| b) Significant deficiencies identified, which are not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes |
| 3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? | No |

Federal Awards Section

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|---|------------|
| 1. Internal control over major programs: | |
| a) Material weakness identified? | No |
| b) Significant deficiencies identified, which are not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes |
| 2. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: | Unmodified |
| 3. Any audit findings disclosed, which are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)? | No |

4. Identification of major programs:

<u>Federal Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
10.553 and 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.010A	Title I Part A: Improving Basic Education

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|---|-----------|
| 5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$750,000 |
| 6. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee under 2 CFR Section 200.520 | No |

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PART II: FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

**2024-001 Financial Close and Reporting, Material Weakness (previously 2023-001)
(Repeated and Modified)**

Criteria: Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. (the “Academy”) internal control structure should ensure that financial information is complete, accurate, and made available in a timely and orderly manner.

Condition: The Academy’s books and records for 2024 fiscal year were not reconciled and closed in a timely manner. As a result, the financial records of the Academy were materially misstated both during the year and at the beginning of the audit process. The following was noted during the audit:

- Bank accounts were not reconciled and closed timely, and one bank account with a balance of \$305,638 was not included on the bank account listing nor a copy of the reconciliation of this account provided for the year end reconciliation. However, it should be noted that the balance was confirmed.
- Amortization related to the Academy’s lease liability for 3 months of the year was not recorded resulting in an adjustment of \$270,541 to the liability.
- Right of Use asset and related lease liability account supporting schedule was not timely prepared and balances were not reconciled resulting in audit adjustments of \$739,265 and \$1,279, respectively.
- Property and Equipment and related accumulated depreciation account supporting schedule was not updated and balances were not reconciled resulting in audit adjustments as follows:
- Recategorization of assets with a cost of \$3,264,250 from the leasehold improvements category to the buildings category.
- Unrecorded depreciation totaling \$58,848 related to newly purchased assets with a cost of \$3,388,401.
- Assets related to the vacancy of a previously leased property being written off with a cost \$141,347

Cause: A thorough and timely monthly and annual reconciliation of account balances and updating of supporting schedules was not performed to ensure that account balances were calculated and recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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Effect: The financial records of the Academy were materially misstated both during the year and at the beginning of the audit process.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Academy improve monthly and annual closing procedures to ensure that supporting schedules and account reconciliations are completed accurately and timely. Consider incorporating into existing checklists necessary monthly and year-end adjustments, the accounts they impact, and the supporting schedules that need to be updated.

Managements Response: Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. leadership will develop, along with new financial management a plan for improvement to be presented to the Board which includes a review of its internal control procedures over financial reporting to ensure controls are in place to designate the preparer and approver, to properly and timely record all accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will modify, implement and monitor their monthly and annual closing processes and procedures to ensure that supporting schedules and account reconciliations are completed accurately and timely.

Academy of Accelerated Learning will perform detailed monthly and annual reconciliation of account balances and updating of supporting schedules to ensure that account balances are calculated and recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will establish timelines and training for the expense approval process. Leadership and the new financial management will designate staff to align with a segregation of duties and hold staff accountable.

Timeline and Responsible Position: By March 31, 2025. Board of Directors, Superintendent, and Chief Financial Officer.

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2024-002 Journal Entries, Significant Deficiency (previously 2023-002) (Repeated)

Criteria: Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. (the “Academy”) internal control structure should ensure that there are adequate segregation of duties.

Condition/Context: The journal entries of the Academy are prepared and recorded without review and approval of a person other than the person preparing and recording the journal entries.

Cause: The Academy does not have a segregation of duties procedures in place for the separate review and approval of journal entries, including adequate personnel to ensure that segregation controls are effective.

Effect: Journal entries are recorded without adequate segregation of duties, causing an increased potential for errors or fraudulent activities to occur.

Recommendation: We recommend the Academy design and implement effective segregation procedures to establish a review and approval process over journal entries and ensure adequate levels of staffing to ensure the effectiveness of the procedures established.

Managements Response: Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. leadership will develop, along with new financial management a plan for improvement to be presented to the Board which includes a review of its internal control procedures over financial reporting to ensure controls are in place to designate the preparer and approver, and to properly and timely record all accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will reinforce and monitor procedures for journal entries along with support documentation for journal entries in journal entry order. In addition, Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will have journal entries prepared and approved by staff with the knowledge of program requirements to ensure that proper coding of items complies with state or federal program requirements.

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will establish timelines and training on the journal entries process. Leadership and the new financial management will designate staff to align with a segregation of duties and hold staff accountable.

Timeline and Responsible Position: By August 31, 2026. Board of Directors, Superintendent, and Chief Financial Officer.

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2024-003 Debit Card Expense Approvals, Significant Deficiency

Criteria: According to the Academy of Accelerated Learning's (the "Academy") policies and procedures, all expense reports must be reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and/or the Superintendent. This control is designed to ensure that expenses are valid, necessary, and comply with company policies

Condition/Context: During our testing over debit card purchases we noted 5 instances of 20 total samples that were not approved. Additionally, we noted a separate 5 instances of 20 total samples that were approved but approved up to 6 months past the date of the transaction. The total value of these transactions was \$8,018.

Cause: The Academy did not effectively implement existing procedures for the separate review and approval of debit card purchases.

Effect: Purchases are recorded without adequate segregation of duties, causing an increased potential for errors or fraudulent activities to occur.

Recommendation: We recommend the Academy implement procedures to ensure the effective implementation of established controls. We recommend that the Academy reinforce the importance of the expense approval process through additional training for relevant staff and reiterate the importance of segregation of duties in this process.

Managements Response: Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. leadership will develop, along with new financial management a plan for improvement to be presented to the Board which includes a review of its internal control procedures over financial reporting to ensure controls are in place to designate the preparer and approver, to properly and timely record all accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will establish timelines and training for the expense approval process. Leadership and the new financial management will designate staff to align with a segregation of duties and hold staff accountable.

Timeline and Responsible Position: By August 31, 2026. Board of Directors, Superintendent, and Chief Financial Officer.

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PART III FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS

2024-004 Approval of Allowable Costs (Significant Deficiency)

Federal Award #'s: 10.553, 10.555 Child Nutrition Cluster

Federal Award Years: Multiple

Federal Agencies: US Department of Agriculture

Passthrough Agency: Texas State Department of Agriculture

Compliance Requirement: Allowable Costs

Criteria: According to 2 CFR 200.303 (a) the recipient of federal awards must establish, document, and maintain effective internal control over the Federal award that provides reasonable assurance that the recipient or subrecipient is managing the Federal award in compliance with Federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the Federal award. These internal controls should align with the guidance in “Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government” issued by the Comptroller General of the United States or the “Internal Control-Integrated Framework” issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Review and approval controls designed to ensure accuracy and adequate segregation of duties are an essential component of effective internal controls over costs.

Condition/Context: During our testing we noted 2 out of 9 nonpayroll costs tested, totaling \$79,106, were not separately reviewed and approved by the Department Chair and/or Superintendent. The costs were accurate and supported by invoices. However, the review and approval of the costs by someone other than the person entering the payment was not supported.

Cause: The Academy did not effectively implement existing procedures for the separate review and approval of costs.

Effect: The absence of proper approval increases the risk of unauthorized or inappropriate expenses being paid, which could result in loss of federal grant funding.

Recommendation: The Academy implements procedures to ensure the effective implementation of established controls. We recommend that the Academy reinforce the importance of the expense approval process through additional training for relevant staff and reiterate the importance of segregation of duties in this process.

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Managements Response: Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. leadership will develop, along with new financial management a plan for improvement to be presented to the Board which includes a review of its internal control procedures over financial reporting to ensure controls are in place to designate the preparer and approver, to properly and timely record all accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. will establish timelines and training for the expense approval process. Leadership and the new financial management will designate staff to align with a segregation of duties and hold staff accountable.

Timeline and Responsible Position: By August 31, 2026. Board of Directors, Superintendent, and Chief Financial Officer.

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
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Prior Audit Findings

Current Status

Financial Statement Findings

2023-001	Financial Close and Reporting, Material Weakness	Repeated/Modified
2023-002	Journal Entries, Significant Deficiency	Repeated