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September 30, 2025

Ms. Sharon Norris, Treasurer
Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD
20945 Great Mills Road, Suite 501
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Dear Ms. Norris,

Enclosed please find:

- 1) Three bound copies and one unbound copy of financial statements for **Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD** for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024; and
- 2) A Communication With Those Charged With Governance letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christa Hood, CPA".

Christa Hood, CPA

Enclosures

**CHESAPEAKE CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE, LTD
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025 and 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD
Lexington Park, Maryland

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2025, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD, as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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. 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 Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD's ability to continue as a going concern 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD'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 Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD'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 Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD's June 30, 2024, financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 20, 2024. As discussed in Note 9 to the financial statements, the prior year audited financial statements have been restated to correct a material misstatement related to the estimated useful lives of certain fixed assets. The correction of these useful lives resulted in adjustments to accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense for the affected periods. We acknowledge that this restatement was necessary to present the financial statements fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 26, 2025, on our consideration of Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD'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 Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD'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 Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Leonardtown, Maryland
September 26, 2025

CHESAPEAKE CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE, LTD
Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024 (Restated)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,342,477	\$ 2,470,129
Accounts Receivable		750
Prepaid Expenses		4,264
Total Current Assets	2,342,477	2,475,143
USDA Reserves	349,632	312,906
Deposits on Equipment	9,800	50,423
Property and Equipment (Net of accumulated depreciation totaling \$1,853,320 and \$1,647,109, respectively)	6,417,962	6,476,530
Total Assets	\$ 9,119,871	\$ 9,315,002
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 1,063,123	\$ 1,322,180
Note Payable - Current Portion	122,370	118,428
Total Current Liabilities	1,185,493	1,440,608
Long-Term Liabilities		
Note Payable - Long Term Portion	6,236,057	6,358,685
Total Liabilities	7,421,550	7,799,293
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	1,690,887	1,512,897
With Donor Restrictions	7,434	2,812
Total Net Assets	1,698,321	1,515,709
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 9,119,871	\$ 9,315,002

The Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements
Are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements

CHESAPEAKE CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE, LTD
Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025
with Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	2025			2024 (Restated)
	Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
Support and Revenue				
Government Support	\$ 7,263,106	\$	\$ 7,263,106	\$ 6,885,835
Contributions	29,988	12,099	42,087	65,376
Rental Income	46,528		46,528	39,903
Special Events and Fundraising	30,320		30,320	38,286
Interest Income	42,768		42,768	7,972
Grants	2,500		2,500	1,500
Other Income	96		96	689
Net Assets Released from Restriction	7,477	(7,477)		
Total Support and Revenue	<u>7,422,783</u>	<u>4,622</u>	<u>7,427,405</u>	<u>7,039,561</u>
Expenses				
School Program	6,772,632		6,772,632	6,005,914
Management and General	378,883		378,883	650,227
Facility Rental	61,692		61,692	62,116
Fundraising	31,586		31,586	48,674
Total Expenses	<u>7,244,793</u>		<u>7,244,793</u>	<u>6,766,931</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>177,990</u>	<u>4,622</u>	<u>182,612</u>	<u>272,630</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year - As Originally Stated				<u>1,127,433</u>
Restatement of Net Assets				<u>115,646</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year - As Restated	<u>1,512,897</u>	<u>2,812</u>	<u>1,515,709</u>	<u>1,243,079</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 1,690,887</u>	<u>\$ 7,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,698,321</u>	<u>\$ 1,515,709</u>

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CHESAPEAKE CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE, LTD.
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025
with Summarized Financial Information for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2025</u>					<u>2024 (Restated)</u>
	School Program	Supporting Activities			Total	Total
		Management and General	Facility Rental	Fundraising		
Payroll and Related Expenses - School	\$ 5,357,220	\$ 240,002	\$	\$ 26,184	\$ 5,623,406	\$ 5,358,082
Facility Related Expenses	381,907	41,540	15,828	564	439,839	352,436
Transportation Expense	383,300				383,300	323,217
Interest Expense	192,063	20,891	11,661	283	224,898	229,212
Depreciation Expense	178,880	19,456	10,861	264	209,461	212,323
Books, Materials, and Supplies	117,075				117,075	84,201
School Programs	110,670				110,670	82,354
Payroll and Related Expenses - Alliance	19,262	2,095	21,384	28	42,769	38,398
Insurance Expense	32,255	3,508	1,958	48	37,769	36,005
Professional Fees		34,534			34,534	25,393
Miscellaneous Expenses		16,857		503	17,360	14,864
Fundraising Expenses				3,712	3,712	10,446
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,772,632</u>	<u>\$ 378,883</u>	<u>\$ 61,692</u>	<u>\$ 31,586</u>	<u>\$ 7,244,793</u>	<u>\$ 6,766,931</u>

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CHESAPEAKE CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE, LTD
Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024 (Restated)</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 182,612	\$ 272,630
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation Expense	209,461	212,323
(Increase) Decrease in Operating Assets:		
Payroll Refunds		249
Accounts Receivable	750	2,384
Prepaid Expenses	4,264	2,442
Deposits on Equipment	40,623	(18,673)
Increase (Decrease) in Operating Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	(259,057)	(406,352)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>178,653</u>	<u>65,003</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchase of Property and Equipment	(150,893)	(97,976)
Investment in USDA Reserves	(36,726)	(36,312)
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	<u>(187,619)</u>	<u>(134,288)</u>
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Principal Payments on Long-Term Debt	(118,686)	(114,372)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>(127,652)</u>	<u>(183,657)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	<u>2,470,129</u>	<u>2,653,786</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 2,342,477</u>	<u>\$ 2,470,129</u>
Supplemental Disclosures		
Cash Paid for Interest	\$ 224,898	\$ 229,212

The Accompanying Notes to Financial Statements
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CHESAPEAKE CHARTER SCHOOL ALLIANCE, LTD
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2025 and 2024

1. ***SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES***

Nature of Organization

Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD (the “Alliance”) was incorporated in the state of Maryland on May 19, 2004. The Alliance was formed for the following purposes:

- a. To educate and organize the citizens of Southern Maryland to understand, appreciate, and support establishment of a charter public school in Southern Maryland to be known as the Chesapeake Public Charter School ("the School").
- b. To inform the public in order to increase public awareness of the School.
- c. To plan and implement educational activities to promote understanding of the vision of the School among members of the Alliance.
- d. To conduct fund-raising activities solely for financial support of the School.
- e. To solicit and accept grants, donations and charitable contributions from various sources for such funding (including foundations and charitable and governmental agencies, businesses and individuals) to be maintained in accounts of the Alliance and to be used solely for the educational and the charitable purposes of the Alliance, and for the financial support of the proposed School, and not for any individual or commercial purposes.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Alliance have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles on the accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Basis of Presentation and Contributions

The financial statements are presented in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958 dated August 2016, and the provisions of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) “Audit and Accounting Guide for Not-for-Profit Organizations” (the “Guide”). ASC 958-205 was effective January 1, 2018. Under the provisions of the Guide, net assets and revenues, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Accordingly, the net assets of the Alliance and changes therein are classified as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Alliance. The Alliance's board may designate assets without restrictions for specific operational purposes from time to time.

Net assets with donor restrictions: Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the non-profit organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Unconditional contributions are recognized when pledged and recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Gifts of cash and other assets are reported with donor restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets.

When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as net assets without donor restriction support. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Contributions restricted for the acquisition of land, buildings, and equipment are reported as net assets without donor restriction upon acquisition of the assets and the assets are placed in service.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of money held in checking, savings, and certificate of deposit accounts.

The Alliance maintains bank accounts at financial institutions which are federally insured. Two of the Alliance's accounts are secured by the bank with collateral whose market value is at least equal to the deposits. At various times during the years ended June 30, 2025, and 2024, the Alliance maintained cash-in-bank balances that were in excess of the federally insured limit and collateral. The amounts in excess of federally insured limit at June 30, 2025 and 2024, were approximately \$257,900 and \$237,600, respectively.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable primarily consists of amounts due from funding agencies under the terms of grant agreements. Management believes that this amount is fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts was recorded at June 30, 2025 and 2024.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions over \$1,000 are capitalized and carried at cost. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. Gifts of long-lived assets such as land, buildings or equipment are recorded at their fair values and reported as unrestricted support, unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited. Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any specific function, but provide for the overall support and direction of the Alliance. Payroll and related expenses are allocated in accordance with respective positions held. Facility related expenses, insurance, interest, and depreciation expense is allocated based on building square footage percentage and purpose of use directly identified. For the years ending June 30, 2025, and 2024, the Alliance's program and supporting activities are as follows:

School Program – costs directly and indirectly related to the operation of the Chesapeake Public Charter School.

Management and General – costs directly and indirectly related to the administrative functions of the Alliance.

Facility Rental – costs directly and indirectly related to the rental of the Alliance's facilities to unrelated tenants.

Fundraising – costs directly and indirectly related to the Alliance's fundraising efforts.

Income Taxes

The Alliance was incorporated and is operated as a nonprofit organization. The Alliance has obtained a tax determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the Alliance is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is classified as a public charity. As such, the Alliance is exempt from paying federal income tax on any income other than unrelated business income. In past years, the Alliance had reported unrelated business income/(loss) from the debt-financed rental of a portion of its facilities. There was no federal or state income tax expense for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, as the Alliance met the 85% program usage exemption as a result of the school expansion. The Alliance's federal information returns are generally subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for three years after the date they are filed.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Office Leases

The Alliance evaluates the contracts it enters into to determine whether such contracts contain leases. A contract contains a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of identified property, plant or equipment for a period of time in exchange for consideration. At commencement, contracts containing a lease are further evaluated for classification as an operating or finance lease where the Alliance is a lessee, or as an operating, sales-type or direct financing lease where the Alliance is a lessor, based on their terms. For its building leases, the Alliance has elected not to separate nonlease components from lease components as the timing and pattern of transfer are the same, and lease is classified as an operating lease in accordance with the Lease Standard, Topic 842. Nonlease components in the building leases are common area maintenance charges and are included in rental income, accounted for under the lease standard.

2. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The liquidity disclosure required by GAAP is intended to help both users and preparers of financial statements understand how restrictions or limits imposed by donors, grantors, laws, contracts, and governing boards affect the Alliance's liquidity.

The Alliance's financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date for general expenditures as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Total assets at year-end	\$	9,119,871
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:		
Property and Equipment, Net		(6,417,962)
USDA Reserves		(349,632)
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions		<u>(7,434)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$	<u>2,344,843</u>

The Alliance has a policy to structure financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

3. **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment at June 30, 2025 and 2024, consists of the following:

	Estimated Useful Lives in years	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u> (Restated)
Land		\$ 956,838	\$ 956,838
Land Improvements	15	120,454	120,454
Building	39	5,866,379	5,866,379
Building Improvements	39	1,113,527	962,634
Furniture and Equipment	5-7	<u>214,084</u>	<u>217,334</u>
		8,271,282	8,123,639
Less Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(1,853,320)</u>	<u>(1,647,109)</u>
Property and Equipment, Net		<u>\$ 6,417,962</u>	<u>\$ 6,476,530</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ending June 30, 2025, was \$209,461. Depreciation expense for the year ending June 30, 2024, was \$212,323, as restated. See note 9 for discussion of restatement.

4. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND CONCENTRATIONS**

The Chesapeake Public Charter School was founded by the Alliance. The School's teachers are employees of the St. Mary's County School Board. The School's vision is to provide a safe and joyful atmosphere which includes compassion and respect for others, and where students become critical thinkers, life-long learners and global citizens. The School's mission is to provide a rigorous, creative and diverse learning environment where everyone comes together to develop confident and self-motivated students. The St. Mary's County School Board provides significant government funding to the Alliance. A significant decline in the level of funding, if it were to occur, could have a significant impact on the Alliance's operations. Government support to the Alliance from the St. Mary's County School Board was \$7,263,106 and \$6,885,835, for the years ending June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The Alliance accounts for the funding as conditional contribution, recognizing the revenue as the related expenses are incurred. At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Alliance owed \$993,040 and \$1,305,435, respectively, in accounts payable and accrued expenses to the St. Mary's County School Board.

The School operates using assets to which the St. Mary's County School Board has reversionary title since the assets were purchased with St. Mary's County School Board funding. These assets have not been recorded in the financial statements as there is no means of estimating their fair market value or original cost basis.

5. *NOTES PAYABLE*

The Alliance has a note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture with an original amount of \$7,200,000. The loan was used to purchase, and is secured by, real property in Great Mills, Maryland. The 40-year loan bears interest at 3.50%, is payable in quarterly installments of \$85,896 beginning in September 2017, and matures in June 2055. The balance of the loan at June 30, 2025 and 2024, was \$6,358,427 and \$6,477,113, respectively. Maturities of the loan are as follows for the future years ending June 30:

2026	122,370
2027	126,976
2028	131,479
2029	136,142
2030	140,970
Thereafter	5,700,490
Total	<u>6,358,427</u>
Less: Current Portion	<u>(122,370)</u>
Long-term Portion	<u><u>\$6,236,057</u></u>

Total interest expense related to the above note payable was \$224,898 and \$229,212, respectively, for the years ending June 30, 2025 and 2024. The note payable agreement requires that the Alliance maintain and contribute to a reserve account. Annual deposits to the reserve account totaling \$34,358 must be made annually until the total deposits in the reserve account equal \$343,584. At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the reserve account balance was \$349,632 and \$312,906, respectively. On June 30, 2025, the reserve account balance exceeded the required reserve account balance.

6. *NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS*

The Alliance has established a building fund to be used specifically for the costs of acquiring, expanding, and maintaining the current facilities of the School. Donations to the building fund are restricted by the donors to be used specifically for the building project. There were no net assets with donor restrictions related to the building fund at June 30, 2025 or 2024.

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the Alliance received funds to be used specifically for an after-school program and students in need program. At June 30, 2025 and 2024, net assets with donor restrictions related to these programs totaled \$7,434 and \$2,812, respectively.

7. *OFFICE LEASES*

The Alliance leases certain portions of their building to multiple tenants under various operating leases with terms ranging from one to three years. Minimum lease receipts, including minimum scheduled rent increases, are recognized as rent income on a straight-line basis over the applicable lease terms.

The carrying value of the building is \$4,362,179 and \$4,512,599 at June 30, 2025 and 2024,

respectively. The original cost of the building is \$5,866,379 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, which includes the portion used for the Chesapeake Public Charter School. The cost of the land is \$956,838. Approximately 5.2% of the building square footage is leased, resulting in carrying value of the leased assets to approximate \$275,791 at June 30, 2025. Aggregate future minimum lease payments to be received by the Alliance under the terms of these leases are as follows:

2026	\$	41,400
2027	\$	17,250
Total	\$	58,650

8. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATE

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the Alliance updated its estimate of the useful life for certain building improvements, and the classification of the asset. Based on the Alliance’s review of the substance of the asset, it was determined that the asset is more appropriately classified as a land improvement, and the original 39-year useful life was not appropriate. Accordingly, the useful life was revised to 15 years, effective for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The change in accounting estimate was applied retrospectively, as part of an identified error, and the prior period financial statements were restated. See Note 9 for additional details of the restatement.

9. RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS – CORRECTION OF AN ERROR

During the year ended June 30, 2025, an error was identified that resulted in the overstatement of accumulated depreciation and understatement of net assets by \$107,414 as of June 30, 2024. Depreciation expense was inadvertently calculated using tax depreciation methods instead of GAAP in fiscal year 2023. The 2024 comparative amounts have been restated to correct the error.

The net assets for fiscal year 2023 were understated by \$115,646, and the restatement of the beginning net assets is shown on page 5. The effects of the restatement on fiscal year 2024 are shown below:

		2024 Originally <u>Reported</u>	<u>Restatement</u>	2024 <u>Restated</u>
Property and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	\$	6,369,116	107,414	6,476,530
Accumulated Depreciation	\$	1,754,523	(107,414)	1,647,109
Depreciation Expense	\$	204,091	8,232	212,323
Change in Net Assets	\$	280,862	(8,232)	272,630
Net Assets	\$	1,408,295	107,414	1,515,709

10. ***SUBSEQUENT EVENTS***

Management has considered and evaluated subsequent events through September 26, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



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

To the Board of Directors of
Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD

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 Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2025, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, 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 September 26, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD'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 the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Per Charter School Alliance financial procedures, under purchases in the range of \$0 - \$9,999, “All invoices should be signed off on by the Property Manager, Charter Director, or a member of the Executive Committee of the CCSA Governing Board.” During testing of details, we identified 1 invoice from the sample that did not have the appropriate sign off on them. These findings represented 13% of the total sample.

Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD’s Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Charter School Alliance, LTD’s response to the findings identified in our audit and described above. Charter School Alliance, LTD’s response below was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Response to Deficiency in Internal Controls

We recognize that in one instance expense approval was not clearly documented, even though the expense was valid, appropriately incurred and reviewed during the check signing process by a member of the executive board. To strengthen internal controls, management will take the following actions:

- 1. Review the financial procedures during the Finance Committee meeting and Executive board meeting, point out the importance of documenting the process*
- 2. Doing spot checks to make sure the process is being followed and document that the process has occurred in the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.*

These steps will help us stay consistent and make sure documentation is complete.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD’s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the paragraph above.

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 organization’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 organization’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Communication with Those Charged with Governance

September 26, 2025

To the Board of Directors and Management of
Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD.
20945 Great Mills Road
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We have audited the financial statements of Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD for the year ended June 30, 2025, and we will issue our report thereon dated September 26, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 14, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during fiscal year 2025. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the school building usage and expenses related to the calculation of unrelated business income tax and allocation of functional business expenses is based on the square footage of the building, adjusted for the portion of the building occupied for unrelated business purposes. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop this estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's estimate of the useful lives of parking lot and dumpster enclosure is based on a reassessed estimated remaining useful life. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop this estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The attached adjusting journal entry report lists material misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures that were corrected by management.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a disagreement on a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 26, 2025.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Organization's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

During the audit, a material misstatement was identified in prior year's net assets, which has been corrected by restating the prior year financial statements. The restatement and its impact are disclosed in Note 9 to the financial statements. Our auditor's report includes an emphasis-of-matter paragraph describing the restatement and referring to the entity's disclosure. We have obtained written representations from management regarding the restatement and related disclosures.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors of Chesapeake Charter School Alliance, LTD and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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