# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

MIAMI, FLORIDA (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA)

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

JUNE 30, 2014

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2014

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Academy of Arts and Minds Charter High School

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#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of Academy of Arts and Minds Charter High School (the "School"), a charter school under Acting for All, Inc., which is a component unit of the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

# Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the School, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 9 and budgetary comparison information on pages 26 through 28 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the

combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 8, 2014, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida September 8, 2014

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

Academy of Arts and Minds Charter High School June 30, 2014

The corporate officers of Academy of Arts and Minds Charter High School (the "School") have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. The liabilities of the School exceeded its assets June 30, 2014 by \$219,625 (deficit).
- 2. At year-end, the School had current assets of \$151,259.
- 3. The net position of the School decreased by \$238,571 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.
- 4. The School, under the direction of its current management company, was able to negotiate several liabilities that the School had incurred for rent, parking, management, food services and IT services and was able to reduce these balances by approximately \$40,000 during the year and pay the remaining balances over the next five years. In addition, subsequent to year end, the School has paid all of its accrued wages payable of \$163,756 and has been current on all of its loan payables.

#### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 are presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200. The financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the School's assets and liabilities. The difference between the two is reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information on how the School's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event resulting in the change occurs, without regard to the timing of related cash flows. Accordingly, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10 - 11 of this report.

#### Fund Financial Statements

A "fund" is a collection of related accounts grouped to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities, projects, or objectives. The School, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and report compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

All of the funds of the School are governmental funds. *Governmental Funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental Fund financial statements, however, focus on *near-term* inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on the balances of spendable resources which are available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be used to evaluate a government's requirements for near-term financing.

Prior to the start of the School's fiscal year, the Board of the School adopts an annual budget for its general and special revenue fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the School's governmental funds to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 - 15 of this report.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 17 - 25 of this report.

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, over time net position may serve as a useful indicator of a school's financial position. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 follows:

Assets	<b>Assets</b> 2014		2013		
Cash	\$	78,071	\$	19,638	
Due from other agencies		16,938		5,175	
Contributions receivable		56,250		56,250	
Deposits receivable and other assets		5,320		29,320	
Capital assets, net		58,176		71,141	
Total Assets	\$	214,755	\$	181,524	
Liabilities and Net Position  Accounts and wages payable and accrued liabilities  Loans payable	\$	200,109 234,271	\$	162,578	
Total Liabilities		434,380	\$	162,578	
Net investment in capital assets		58,176		71,141	
Unrestricted		(277,801)		(52,195)	
Total Net Position		(219,625)	\$	18,946	
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	214,755	\$	181,524	

At June 30, 2014, the School's total assets were \$214,755 and total liabilities were \$434,380. At June 30, 2014, the School reported a total net position deficit of \$219,625. During the year, the School faced financial issues due to the decreased enrollment of the School and also due to the fixed price contracts that it had entered into previously with companies owned by a former founder of the School. The School, through the help of the current management, was able to negotiate amounts owed to the landlord and other vendors and reduce the amounts due at year-end. In addition, the School was able to terminate all previous contracts and enter into reduced fee contracts for rent, parking, food, and other services. The School was able to reduce approximately \$43,000 in debt, which is included in other revenue.

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 follows:

REVENUES	2014			2013		
Program Revenues		_		_		
Capital grants & contributions	\$	209,871	\$	-		
General Revenues						
FEFP nonspecific revenue		1,979,443		2,392,219		
Fundraising & other revenue		108,827		325,456		
Total Revenues	\$	2,298,141	\$	2,717,675		
EXPENSES						
Instruction	\$	1,103,356	\$	1,114,178		
Instructional media services		105,253		9,249		
Board		33,945		68,756		
General administrative		122,350		27,810		
School administration		375,637		491,944		
Fiscal services		29,208		5,302		
Food services		55,455		26,558		
Pupil transportation services		57,244		135,860		
Operation of plant		534,320		904,727		
Maintenance of plant		98,594		_		
Unallocated depreciation		21,350		13,886		
Total Expenses	\$	2,536,712	\$	2,798,270		
Change in Net Position		(238,571)		(80,595)		
Net Position at Beginning of Year		18,946		99,541		
Net Position at End of Year	\$	(219,625)	\$	18,946		

The School's total revenues for the year ended June 30, 2014 were \$2,298,141 while its total expenses were \$2,536,712 for a net decrease of \$238,571. The School's total expenses decreased by \$261,558 due to current management's ability to receive rent abatement for the final three months of the school year. In addition, the School's current management was also able to reduce building maintenance charges, IT services, and management fees for the last three months of the school year.

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

The School was just recognized by U.S. News as a one of the Top 5% High Schools in the State of Florida. The board of directors underwent a complete restructuring of its business plan under the guidance of its new management firm, S.M.A.R.T. Management. This plan was approved by Miami Dade County Public Schools and a 5 year charter renewal was granted. The board chose

S.M.A.R.T. Management Schools since they represented four other charter schools in South Florida of which two were recognized as "A" schools and the other two were recognized as "B" schools. In addition, each of those four charter schools received successful financial audits for the 2013-2014 school year.

The financial plan included a reduction in rental expense and an adequate reduction in staffing and wages. In addition, the fees charged by new vendors, negotiated by the current management company, have reduced the School's financial responsibilities for management service cost, food service cost, facility maintenance, and parking cost by 36% in comparison to the prior service providers. Due to the implementation of these strategies and negotiations, the school has reduced its liabilities under S.M.A.R.T. Management's guidance by approximately \$40,000.

#### SCHOOL LOCATION

The School operates in the Miami area located at 3138 Commodore Plaza, Miami, FL 33133.

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENT

The School maintains a continuous capital improvements program to enhance facilities and update fixtures and equipment as required.

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUND

As noted earlier, the School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

### **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

The focus of the School's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance deficit of \$43,530 and a net positive change in fund balance of \$8,665.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets, as of June 30, 2014, amounts to \$58,176 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment and audio visual materials and computer software.

# GOVERNMENTAL FUND BUDGET ANALYSIS

Prior to the start of the School's fiscal year, the Board of the School adopted an annual budget. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the governmental funds to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget.

		All Governmental	l Funds
	Original		
	Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
State passed through local	\$ 2,755,792	\$ 2,755,792	\$ 1,979,443
State capital outlay funding	209,871	209,871	209,871
Other income	4,250	4,250	108,827
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,969,913	\$ 2,969,913	\$ 2,298,141
EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	\$ 975,710	\$ 975,710	\$ 1,103,356
Instructional media services	92,000	92,000	105,253
Instructional staff training services	5,000	5,000	- -
Instruction & curriculum development	5,000	5,000	-
General administrative	162,790	162,790	122,350
School board	47,000	47,000	33,945
School administration	420,208	420,208	375,637
Facilities acquisition & construction	-	-	8,385
Fiscal services	17,200	17,200	29,208
Food services	21,420	21,420	55,455
Pupil transportation services	3,000	3,000	57,244
Operation of plant	776,482	776,482	534,320
Maintenance of plant	167,058	167,058	98,594
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,692,868	\$ 2,692,868	\$ 2,523,747
Change in fund balance before other financing sources	277,045	277,045	(225,606)
Other financing sources			234,271
Net change in fund balance	\$ 277,045	\$ 277,045	\$ 8,665

# REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the finances of the School. Requests for additional information may be addressed to Mr. Juan Carlos Quintana of S.M.A.R.T. Management, LLC located at 7990 Southwest 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue #210, Miami, Florida 33183.

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2014

	Gover	nmental Activities
		2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	78,071
Due from other agencies		16,938
Contributions receivable		56,250
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		151,259
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Furnitures and fixtures		114,767
Less accumulated depreciation		(106,866)
Computer equipment and software		60,850
Less accumulated depreciation		(36,001)
Audio visual and other equipment		52,750
Less accumulated depreciation		(46,974)
Leasehold improvements		21,494
Less accumulated depreciation		(1,844)
Total capital assets, net		58,176
Deposit receivable and other assets		5,320
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	214,755
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	36,353
Accrued wages payable		163,756
Loans payable- current portion		48,910
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		249,019
Loans payable- long-term portion		185,361
TOTAL LIABILITIES		434,380
NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		58,176
Unrestricted		(277,801)
TOTAL NET POSITION (DEFICIT)		(219,625)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	\$	214,755

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					Program	n Revenue	es			
Functions	Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions		Capital Grants and Contributions		a	et (Expense) Revenue nd Changes n Net Assets
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>										
Instruction	\$	1,103,356	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(1,103,356)
Instructional media services		105,253		-		-		-		(105,253)
Board		33,945		-		-		-		(33,945)
General administrative		122,350		-		-		-		(122,350)
School administration		375,637		-		-		-		(375,637)
Fiscal services		29,208		-		-		-		(29,208)
Food services		55,455		-		-		-		(55,455)
Pupil transportation services		57,244		-		-		-		(57,244)
Operation of plant		534,320		-		-		209,871		(324,449)
Maintenance of plant		98,594		-		-		-		(98,594)
Unallocated depreciation expense		21,350		-		-		-		(21,350)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	\$	2,536,712	\$	-	\$	-	\$	209,871	\$	(2,326,841)
GENERAL REVENUES: Government grants not restricted to specific programs Fundraising and other revenue Total general revenues								\$	1,979,443 108,827 2,088,270	
		ange in Net Port Port Port Position		NNING (:	as restateo	4)				(238,571) 18,946
		T POSITION		·		-,			\$	(219,625)

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BALANCE SHEET- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2014

	2014	
	Gover	nmental Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	78,071
Due from other agencies		16,938
Contributions receivable		56,250
Deposit receivable and other assets		5,320
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	156,579
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	36,353
Accrued wages payable		163,756
TOTAL LIABILITIES		200,109
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)		
Nonspendable		
Deposit receivable and other assets		5,320
Deficit in unassigned		(48,850)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)		(43,530)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT)	\$	156,579

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2014

Total Fund Balance (Deficit) - Governmental Funds

\$ (43,530)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are the same. There are no reconciling items.

Capital assets of \$249,861, net of accumulated depreciation of \$191,685 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.

58,176

Long-term liabilities of \$234,271 are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.

(234,271)

Total Net Position (Deficit) - Governmental Activities

(219,625)

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE-GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

				2014			
	Go	overnmental	Cap	ital Projects	Total Govermental		
		Funds	1	Fund			
REVENUES							
State passed through local	\$	1,979,443	\$	_	\$	1,979,443	
State capital outlay funding		-		209,871		209,871	
Other income		108,827		-		108,827	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	2,088,270	\$	209,871	\$	2,298,141	
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Instruction	\$	1,103,356	\$	-	\$	1,103,356	
Instructional media services		105,253		-		105,253	
Board		33,945		_		33,945	
General administrative		122,350		-		122,350	
School administration		375,637		_		375,637	
Fiscal services		29,208		_		29,208	
Food services		55,455		-		55,455	
Pupil transportation services		57,244				57,244	
Operation of plant		324,449		209,871		534,320	
Maintenance of plant		98,594		=		98,594	
Capital Outlay:							
Other capital outlay		8,385		_		8,385	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	2,313,876	\$	209,871	\$	2,523,747	
Excess of expenditures over revenues	\$	(225,606)	\$		\$	(225,606)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
Proceeds from long-term refinancing		234,271		_		234,271	
Total other financing sources		234,271		-		234,271	
Net change in fund balance		8,665		-		8,665	
Deficit at beginning of year, as restated		(52,195)		-		(52,195)	
Deficit at end of year	\$	(43,530)	\$	<u> </u>	\$	(43,530)	

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

8,665

\$

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation of \$21,350 exceeded capital outlays of \$8,385.

(12,965)

The proceeds from long-term financing provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which proceeds of \$234,271 exceeded repayments of \$0 in the current period.

(234,271)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (238 571)

ASSETS	 ency Fund ent Activity
Cash	\$ 23,046
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 23,046
LIABILITIES	
Due to student groups and clubs	\$ 23,046
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 23,046

#### NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

# **Reporting Entity**

Academy of Arts and Minds Charter High School, (the "School") a component unit of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida is sponsored by its charter-holder, Acting for All, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The governing body of the School is the Board of Directors which is comprised of five members.

The general operating authority of Academy of Arts and Minds (the "School") is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "School Board"). The current charter is effective until June 30, 2015 and was subsequently renewed through June 30, 2020. At the end of the term of the charter, the School Board may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter, in which case the School Board is required to notify the School in writing at least 90 days prior to the School's expiration. During the term of the charter, the School Board may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown. The charter may be renewed for up to an additional 15 years by mutual agreement.

These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2014, when 335 students were enrolled in grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide – Audits per State and Local Governments and provisions of Florida Statutes, the School is presented as a governmental organization for financial statement reporting purposes.

### **Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report information for the School as a whole. Both statements report only governmental activities as the School does not engage in any business type activities.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees, (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities, and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

#### Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The operations of the funds are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues and expenditures. Major individual governmental funds, namely, the general, special revenue and capital project funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements:

<u>General Fund</u> – is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

# NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – used to account for financial resources used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and for the proceeds and related expenditures of charter school capital outlay funding.

# Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of Academy of Arts and Minds, (the "School") are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The School's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidelines.

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues from non-exchange transactions are reported according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section 1600.111 and Section N50 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions". On the accrual basis, revenues from grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year. Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues are recognized when received. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of funds is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant funds, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for long-term debt principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

#### **Budgetary Basis Accounting**

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries, purchased services, and capital outlay).

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School's cash is considered to be cash on hand and demand deposits, with original maturities of three months or less.

#### Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consists of after school care fees pending to be collected. Any bad debts are expensed in the subsequent period when they are determined to be uncollectible.

#### Due from Other Agencies

Due from other agency consists of amounts due from other governmental units for revenues from federal, federal through state, state, or other sources and from advances made to other governmental units.

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### Capital Assets, Depreciation and Amortization

Capital assets purchased or acquired are carried at historical cost or estimated historical cost. The School capitalization levels are \$750 on tangible personal property. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the costs and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations. Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Furniture and equipment 5 Years Computer equipment and software 7 Years Building and improvements 39 Years

### Compensated Absences

The School grants a specific number of days for sick/personal leave. The School grants one day for sick/personal leave per month which is accrued from September through June. Full-time employees are eligible for one day per month to up to ten days of active work during the ten-month period (a "benefit year"). In the event that available time is not used by the end of the benefit year, employees may "rollover" all unused days for use in future benefit years. There is no cash out option. There is currently no termination payment for accumulated unused sick days, however the board will be reviewing the maximum amount of days it will allow for pay out upon termination of employment.

GASB Codification Section C60, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, provides that compensated absences that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee should be accounted for in the period those events take place. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include an accrual for compensated days available to be used in future benefit years.

The School also provides certain days to be used for specific personal matters such as family death and jury duty. Because the use of such days is contingent upon those events taking place and such events are out of the control of both the employer and the employee, there is no accrual for such days.

#### Government-wide Fund Net Position

Government-wide fund net position are divided into three components:

- Net investment in capital assets consists of the historical cost capital assets less accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition or improvement of those assets plus deferred outflows of resources less deferred inflows of resources. The net investment in capital assets for the year ending June 30, 2014, was \$65,526.
- Restricted net assets consists of net assets with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments less related liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The restricted net position for the year ending June 30, 2014 was \$0.
- <u>Unrestricted</u> all other net position is reported in this category.

#### Governmental Fund Balances

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

• <u>Nonspendable</u> – fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned). At June 30, 2014, the School had \$5,320 in nonspendable fund balance.

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued) Governmental Fund Balances (Continued)

- Restricted fund balance category includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. At June 30, 2014, there is no restricted fund balance.
- <u>Committed</u> fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Directors. At June 30, 2014, there is no committed fund balance.
- <u>Assigned</u> fund balance classification are intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. At June 30, 2014, there is no assigned fund balance.
- <u>Unassigned</u> fund balance is the residual classification for the School's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

# Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance at the end of the fiscal year by adjusting journal entries. First Non-spendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including non-spendable amounts). Then any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the restricted fund balances for specific purposes amounts exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund. As of June 30, 2014, there are no minimum fund balance requirements for any of the School's funds.

# Revenue Sources

Revenues for operations will be received primarily from the District School Board of Miami-Dade County (the "School Board") pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the School will report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the School Board. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the School Board reports the number of the full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program. Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the Florida Education Finance Program and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. In addition, the School receives an annual allocation of charter school capital outlay funds for leasing of School facilities.

The School may also receive federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. Federal awards are generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For federal awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred. Any excess amounts are recorded as deferred revenues until expensed. Additionally, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

#### **Income Taxes**

The School qualifies as a tax exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), and is, therefore, exempt from income tax. Accordingly, no tax provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

# NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Subsequent Events

The School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 8, 2014, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

### NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in capital assets, acquired substantially with public funds, for the year ended June 30, 2014:

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2014, was \$21,350.

#### NOTE 4 – CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

The School had contributions receivable from its Founder (see Note 8) totaling \$56,250 as of June 30, 2014. Management performed an assessment of these receivables and determined an allowance for doubtful accounts was not considered necessary.

	Balance						Balance
Capital Assets	 7/1/2013	A	dditions	De	letions	6	/30/2014
Furniture & fixtures	\$ 114,767	\$	-	\$	-	\$	114,767
Computer equipment & software	52,465		8,385		-		60,850
Audio visual & other equipment	52,750		-		-		52,750
Leasehold improvements	21,494		-		-		21,494
Total Capital Assets	\$ 241,476	\$	8,385	\$	-	\$	249,861
Less Accumulated Depreciation							
Furniture & fixtures	\$ (100,047)	\$	(6,819)	\$	-	\$	(106,866)
Computer equipment & software	(24,676)		(11,325)		-		(36,001)
Audio visual & other equipment	(44,739)		(2,235)		-		(46,974)
Leasehold improvements	(873)		(971)		-		(1,844)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (170,335)	\$	(21,350)	\$	-	\$	(191,685)
Capital Assets, net	\$ 71,141	\$	(12,965)	\$	-	\$	58,176

### NOTE 5 – TRANSACTIONS WITH MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The School had an agreement with EDU Management LLC, ("EDU"), a Florida corporation, to provide consulting services required to properly manage, operate, and administer the School. The management fee was equal to \$200 per student per year payable on a monthly basis. In April 2014, the School terminated the contract with EDU and entered a new agreement with S.M.A.R.T. Management LLC to provide professional management and consulting services to the School. In its capacity as the management company, S.M.A.R.T. Management LLC manages the finances and operations and makes recommendations to the School's independent board of directors which make the final determinations regarding policies and contracts. In providing management services to the School, officers of the management company may not serve as members of the Board of Directors to the School.

The new agreement is for a term of five years with a School option to renew. The contract calls for a management fee of 4% of full time equivalent (FTE) revenues based on the total number of full time equivalents (FTE) during the first fiscal academic year ending June 30, 2015. For the second year and each consecutive year in which enrollment is under 400 students, the fee will be 8%. Once the number of students exceeds 400, the fee will be 10%.

#### NOTE 6 – NOTES PAYABLE

In April 2014, the School entered into note payable agreements with the following entities:

# Commodore Plaza Parking, L.C.

The terms of the note payable agreement consist of 59 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$1,481 beginning August 15, 2014, and a final payment equal to the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest on July 15, 2019. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 5%.

#### A&M Square Food Services, LLC

The terms of the note payable agreement consist of 59 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$459 beginning August 15, 2014, and a final payment equal to the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest on July 15, 2019. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 5%.

#### EDU Management, LLC

The terms of the note payable agreement consist of 59 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$1,550 beginning August 15, 2014, and a final payment equal to the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest on July 15, 2019. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 5%.

#### Kelly Universal Services, Inc.

The terms of the note payable agreement consist of 59 monthly payments of principal and interest of \$957 beginning August 15, 2014, and a final payment equal to the unpaid principal balance plus any accrued and unpaid interest on July 15, 2019. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 5%.

### NOTE 6 – NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)

The School's obligation under notes payable consists of the following:

Bala	nce at					Ba	alance at		
7/1	7/1/2013		7/1/2013		dditions	Repa	yments	6/	30/2014
\$	-	\$	23,970	\$	-	\$	23,970		
	-		78,165		-		78,165		
	-		81,774		-		81,774		
	-		50,362				50,362		
\$	-	\$	234,271	\$	-	\$	234,271		
		\$ - - -	7/1/2013 As \$ - \$	7/1/2013 Additions \$ - \$ 23,970 - 78,165 - 81,774	7/1/2013       Additions       Repair         \$ -       \$ 23,970       \$         -       78,165         -       81,774         -       50,362	7/1/2013       Additions       Repayments         \$ -       \$ 23,970       \$ -         -       78,165       -         -       81,774       -         -       50,362       -	7/1/2013         Additions         Repayments         6/           \$ -         \$ 23,970         \$ -         \$           -         78,165         -         -           -         81,774         -         -           -         50,362         -         -		

Maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2015	\$ 36,117
2016	44,459
2017	46,733
2018	49,124
2019	51,638
Thereafter	 6,200
	\$ 234,271

### NOTE 7 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The School entered into a new lease agreement in April 2014 to lease facilities subsequent to the termination of its former lease agreement (see Note 8). The first payment commences on August 15, 2014, and requires an annual rent of \$340,000, payable monthly, through July 15, 2015. Subsequent to July 2015, the base amount per year is the greater of \$440,000 or \$1,000 multiplied by the number of enrolled students plus any increases due to a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment. The term of this agreement is for 25 years.

In May 2014, the School entered into a parking property use agreement. The agreement commences July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, and requires monthly lease payments of \$2,900 plus 35% of the total ad-valorem taxes payable by the owner of the property.

The total estimated future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2015	\$ 311,667
2016	431,667
2017	440,000
2018	440,000
2019	440,000
Total	\$ 2,063,334

### NOTE 8 - RELATED PARTIES

The School had transactions during the year with several related vendors managed and owned by a former founding board member of the School (the "Founder"). The entities are as follows: Commodore Plaza Parking, L.C. (the "Landlord"), A&M Square Food Services, LLC (the "Food Service Provider") and EDU Management, LLC (the "EDU"). The Founder was not a member of the Board of Directors during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

### Lease Agreement

The School, through its parent company, entered into a lease agreement, included building maintenance and parking, with the Landlord. Total payments to the Landlord for the year were \$452,000. In April 2014, the School terminated the lease with the Landlord and entered into a new lease beginning April 2014 with a term of 25 years (see Note 7).

#### Food Service Agreement

The School, through its Parent company, entered into a food service agreement with the Food Service Provider. Pursuant to the agreement the Food Service Provider is to provide food service to the students of the School. The agreement was terminated in April 2014 and total amount expensed during the year ended June 30, 2014, was \$48,851.

#### Management Agreement

The School, through its parent company, entered into a management agreement with EDU to provide consulting services required to properly manage, operate, and administer the School. Total payments to EDU for the year were \$109,000. In April 2014, the School terminated the agreement with EDU and entered into a new agreement beginning April 2014 with a term of 5 years and a monthly amount of 4% of full time equivalent (FTE) revenues based on the total number of full time equivalents (FTE) (see Note 4).

#### Note payables

The School has notes payable to the above related parties. Balances owed at June 30, 2014, to the above vendors amounted to \$183,909 (see Note 6).

#### Contribution Receivable

The School has an amount due from the Founder totaling \$56,250 as of June 30, 2014 (see Note 4).

#### NOTE 9 – DEPOSITS POLICY AND CREDIT RISK

It is the School's policy to maintain its cash and cash equivalents in major banks and in high grade investments. As of June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the School's cash deposit accounts was \$78,071 (operating) and \$23,046 (agency) and the respective bank balances totaled \$92,440 (operating) and \$25,893 (agency). As of June 30, 2014, balances held in financial institutions did not exceed the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limit.

### NOTE 10 - GRANTS

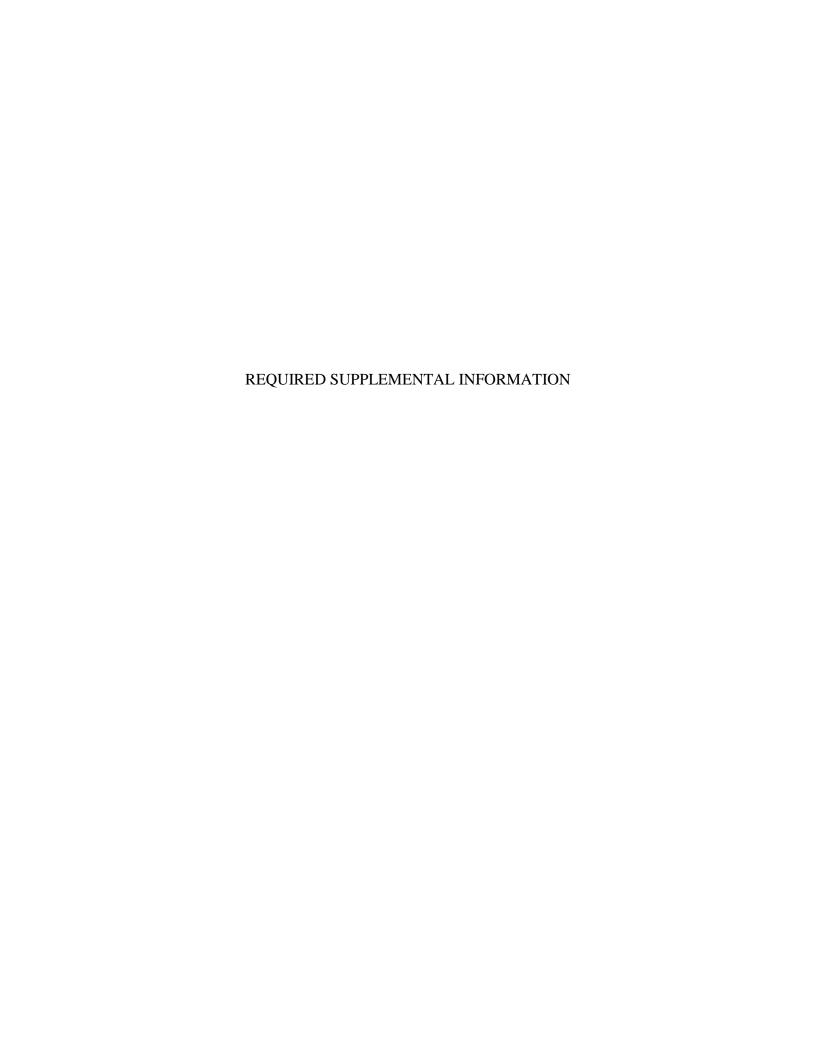
In the normal course of operations, the School receives grant funds from various federal, state and local agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authority, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not reflected in these financial statements.

#### NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage in the past. In addition, there were no reductions in insurance coverage from those in the prior year. The School does not sponsor a public entity risk pool and has had no settlements that have exceeded their insurance coverage.

#### NOTE 12 – RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET POSITION

Certain errors resulting in an understatement of previously reported accrued wages payable were discovered during the current year. Accordingly, an adjustment of \$68,800 was made during 2014 to increase accrued wages payable as of the beginning of the year. A corresponding entry was made to reduce previously reported net position. The effect of the restatement on beginning net position was \$68,800.



# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund					
	Original Budget		Fi	Final Budget		Actual
REVENUES						
State passed through local	\$	2,755,792	\$	2,755,792	\$	1,979,443
Other income		4,250		4,250		108,827
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	2,760,042	\$	2,760,042	\$	2,088,270
EXPENDITURES						
Instruction	\$	975,710	\$	975,710	\$	1,103,356
Instructional media services		92,000		92,000		105,253
Instruction & curriculum development		5,000		5,000		· <del>-</del>
Instructional staff training services		5,000		5,000		-
General administrative		162,790		162,790		122,350
School board		47,000		47,000		33,945
School administration		420,208		420,208		375,637
Facilities acquisition & construction		-		-		8,385
Fiscal services		17,200		17,200		29,208
Food services		21,420		21,420		55,455
Pupil transportation services		3,000		3,000		57,244
Operation of plant		566,611		566,611		324,449
Maintenance of plant		167,058		167,058		98,594
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	2,482,997	\$	2,482,997	\$	2,313,876
Change in fund balance before other financing sources		277,045		277,045		(225,606)
Other financing sources						234,271
Net change in fund balance	\$	277,045	\$	277,045	\$	8,665

See accompanying note to the required supplemental information.

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

		Capital Projects Fund				
	Orig	inal Budget	Fir	nal Budget		Actual
REVENUES					•	
State capital outlay funding	\$	209,871	\$	209,871	\$	209,871
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	209,871	\$	209,871	\$	209,871
EXPENDITURES						
Operation of plant	\$	209,871	\$	209,871	\$	209,871
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	209,871	\$	209,871	\$	209,871
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$</u>		\$		\$	

See accompanying note to the required supplemental information.

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTI GENERAL FUND

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	All Governmental Funds					
	Original					
	Budget	Final Budget		Actual		
REVENUES				_		
State passed through local	\$ 2,755,792	\$ 2,755,792	\$	1,979,443		
State capital outlay funding	209,871	209,871		209,871		
Other income	4,250	4,250		108,827		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,969,913	\$ 2,969,913	\$	2,298,141		
EXPENDITURES						
Instruction	\$ 975,710	\$ 975,710	\$	1,103,356		
Instructional media services	92,000	92,000		105,253		
Instructional staff training services	5,000	5,000		-		
Instruction & curriculum development	5,000	5,000		-		
General administrative	162,790	162,790		122,350		
School board	47,000	47,000		33,945		
School administration	420,208	420,208		375,637		
Facilities acquisition & construction	, -	, -		8,385		
Fiscal services	17,200	17,200		29,208		
Food services	21,420	21,420		55,455		
Pupil transportation services	3,000	3,000		57,244		
Operation of plant	776,482	776,482		534,320		
Maintenance of plant	167,058	167,058		98,594		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,692,868	\$ 2,692,868	\$	2,523,747		
Change in fund balance before other financing sources	277,045	277,045		(225,606)		
Other financing sources				234,271		
Net change in fund balance	\$ 277,045	\$ 277,045	\$	8,665		

# ACADEMY OF ARTS AND MINDS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

#### NOTE A – BUDGETARY INFORMATION

# **Budgetary basis of accounting**

The School's annual budget is adopted for the entire operations at the combined governmental level and may be amended by the Board. The budget presented for the year ended June 30, 2014, has been amended according to Board procedures. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the fund level.

Although budgets are adopted for the entire operation, budgetary comparisons have been presented for the general, capital project, and special revenue funds for which a legally adopted budget exists.

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries, purchased services, and capital outlay).



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

Board of Directors of Academy of Arts and Minds Charter High School Miami, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Academy of Arts and Minds (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 8, 2014.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

# **Purpose of this Report**

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

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida September 8, 2014



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# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Academy of Arts and Minds Charter High School (the "School"), a non-major component unit of the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated September 8, 2014.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

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.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated September 8, 2014, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

### **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no recommendations made in the preceding audit report

#### **Financial Condition**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures to determine whether or not the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply financial condition assessment procedures for the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same. The financial condition assessment procedures applied in connection with our audit, has lead us to believe that the School's overall financial condition as of June 30, 2014 is deteriorating.

# 2014-1: Financial Condition

#### Criteria

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, certain financial condition assessment procedures were applied to identify local government entities experiencing deteriorating financial conditions that could result in a financial emergency.

#### Condition

Several financial indicators computed at June 30, 2014, relating to the following:

- Change in net position: decreasing results over time can indicate that the School's financial position is weakening.
- Current liabilities exceeding current assets at fiscal year end
- Excess of expenditures over revenues: increasing deficits may indicate that current revenues are not supporting the School's current expenditures.

#### Cause

During the year ended June 30, 2014, the School had a decrease in FEFP funding mainly due to an overall decrease in student enrollment from the prior year. In addition, the School's fixed expenses such as rent, parking and maintenance did not decrease as a result of the decreased enrollment and therefore, the fixed cost per student increased significantly from prior year.

### Effect

Based on these above financial indicators, the School may have difficulty supporting its current expenses with current revenues.

### Recommendation

The School needs to monitor its expenditures and decrease overall spending until its enrollment and thus revenues increase to sustainable amounts.

#### Management's Response

The School was put into a difficult financial and legal situation with the contracts it had entered into in previous years with its landlord, who was also previously a founding board member. The School's board of directors terminated all its contracts with the landlord for the facility rental, maintenance and parking in April 2014. In addition, the School also terminated its contract with its food vendor and management company, which were also owned by the landlord. The School entered into more favorable contracts for rent, parking, maintenance and management services that should allow the School to decrease its expenses significantly in the upcoming fiscal year.

The School has entered into separate note payables for the balances it owed to the previous landlord which it will pay over a period of five years. This payment schedule will provide the School with the cash flow it will need to pay all expenses when due and to pay any remaining payables. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the School was able to decrease its liabilities for these services by approximately \$43,000.

### Management's Response (continued)

Finally, the School anticipates an increase in enrollment in the 2014-15 fiscal year, which should result in an increase in FEFP revenues and have budgeted revenues to exceed expenditures in the 2014-15 fiscal year by approximately \$100,000.

#### **Transparency**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures to determine whether the School maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

#### **Other Matters**

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we have the following observations and recommendations.

#### 2014-2: Observation

Sixteen out of forty disbursements selected for testing lacked proper supporting documentation.

#### Recommendation

All transactions including disbursements should be properly supported with invoices, records, contracts or other such documentation.

### Management's response

Due to the transition in management companies during April 2014, a majority of the support for disbursements could not be located. The current management has made an effort to make sure all disbursements will have the proper support.

#### 2014-3: Observation

Ten journal entries were required to be recorded to properly reflect the financial position and operations as of June 30, 2014. Change in net position was decreased by approximately \$122,777.

#### Recommendation

The Organization must record journal entries on a monthly basis in order to properly reflect results of operations and financial position, particularly in regards to Revenues, Accounts Receivable, and Accrued Liabilities.

#### Management's response

Due to the transition in management companies during April 2014, certain transactions were not recorded properly during the year. All auditor adjustments have since been posted and we will continue to record transactions in their correct period.

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Section 10.854(1)(e)5, Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity. The official title of the entity is Academy of Arts and Minds.

# **Purpose of this Letter**

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies,, the Board of Directors, and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Coral Gables, Florida September 8, 2014