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> (A charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.)

> > Miami, Florida

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report June 30, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Mater Academy Miami Beach Miami, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Academy Miami Beach (the "School"), a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc., as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2018, 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 of America. 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.

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Academy Miami Beach as of June 30, 2018, 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

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Mater Academy Miami Beach as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of Mater Academy, Inc. These financial statements do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of Mater Academy, Inc. as of June 30, 2018 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 4, 2018 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, 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 the 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 8 and 27 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. 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.

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Coral Gables, Florida September 4, 2018

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Mater Academy Miami Beach (A Charter School Under Mater Academy, Inc.) June 30, 2018

The corporate officers of Mater Academy Miami Beach have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the school's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

Financial Highlights

- 1. The net position of the School at June 30, 2018 was \$2,559,762.
- 2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$2,292,097.
- 3. The net position of the School increased by \$254,922 during the year.
- 4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$1,962,784.

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, 2018 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, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The difference between the four 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 when the underlying event 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 9-10 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.

The Board of the School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 - 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 16 - 26 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$2,559,762 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 is as follows:

	2018	2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 133,672	\$ 127,484
Investments	2,080,000	1,671,200
Prepaid expenses	44,359	43,756
Due from other agencies	8,122	12,150
Deposits receivable	25,944	25,944
Due from other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.	250,000	250,000
Capital assets, net	253,142	347,834
Total Assets	2,795,239	2,478,368
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Accrued payroll liabilities	217,717	173,528
Accounts Payable	17,760	-
Total Liabilities	235,477	173,528
Deferred inflows of resources	-	÷
Net Position:		
Investment in capital assets and long term receivables	503,142	597,834
Unrestricted	2,056,620	1,707,006
Total Net Position	\$ 2,559,762	\$ 2,304,840

	2018	2017
REVENUES	2018	2017
Program Revenues		
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 4,108	\$ 5,123
Capital Grants and Contributions	363,586	255,076
Federal Sources	196,900	189,718
Lunch program service charge	21,537	30,434
Other charges for Services	111,143	208,208
General Revenues	111,145	200,200
Local Sources (FTE and other non specific)	3,835,021	3,733,715
Other Revenues		Contract of the second
Other Revenues	47,887	30,005
Total Revenues	\$ 4,580,182	\$ 4,452,279
EXPENSES		
Instruction	\$ 2,307,688	\$ 2,319,159
Student support services	73,191	-
Instructional staff training	4,652	9,938
Board	35,308	66,950
School administration	561,938	521,620
Facilities acquisition	2,354	2,354
Fiscal services	82,651	81,675
Food services	198,595	193,956
Central services	128,116	112,309
Student transportation services	5,228	-
Operation of plant	708,164	668,041
Maintenance of plant	180,419	169,443
Administrative technology services	36,956	
Total Expenses	4,325,260	4,145,445
Increase in Net Position	254,922	306,834
Net Position at Beginning of Year	2,304,840	1,998,006
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 2,559,762	\$ 2,304,840

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 is as follows:

The School's revenue increased and expenditures increased by \$127,903 and \$179,815, respectively as a result of increase in enrollment. The School had an increase in its net position of \$254,922 for the year.

School Location and Lease of Facility

The School leases a facility located at 8625 Byron Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33141.

Capital Improvement Requirements

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

Accomplishments

In 2018, Mater Academy (Miami Beach) completed its eighth year of operation, with an enrollment of 551 students in grades K-8. The school earned a letter grade of "A" based on the points it received under the State of Florida Accountability Program.

Students at the school have the opportunity to participate in various clubs and activities this year including:

- Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser
- Mantarayettes Dance Team
- Safety Patrol
- Student Government Association
- SECME District Fair
- Hispanic Heritage Show
- Annual Holiday Show
- School-based productions
- · Project Lead the Way
- VEX Robotics

Mater Beach Academy also places great emphasis on taking care of its community and hosted various beach and park cleanups at nearby Miami Beach and North Shore Open Space Park.

Science took on a life of its own at Mater Beach when students got to interact with two scientists live streaming from a volcano in Costa Rica with the help of the DJI Mavic.

Mater Beach Academy's mission is to provide an innovative and challenging curriculum, preparing students to have a global edge, strive to create a thirst for knowledge in all disciplines of the curriculum, and enrich every student with a sense of purpose and commitment to the common good. The vision of the school is to provide a nurturing and supportive educational environment, where the whole child is developed and a philosophy of respect and high expectations is instilled for all students, parents, teachers, and staff.

As a member of the Mater Academy network of high quality charter schools, Mater Academy (Miami Beach) is fully accredited by AdvancED under the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS-CASI) division.

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, the *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.

Most of the School's operations are funded in the General Fund. The majority of the General Fund revenues are distributed to the School by the District through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which uses formulas to distribute state funds and an amount of local property taxes (i.e., required local effort) established each year by the Florida Legislature.

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental general fund reported ending fund balance of \$2,033,087. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$1,962,784. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations.

Capital Assets

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2018 amounts to \$253,142 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes building and improvements and furniture, equipment, textbooks and software. The School has no outstanding debt of associated to capital assets.

Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights

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.

	Governmental Fund			
	Original			
	Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
REVENUES			-	
Program Revenues				
Capital grants and contributions	\$ 361,519	\$ 362,917	\$ 363,586	
Federal sources	200,500	201,000	201,008	
Lunch program service charges	20,817	21,181	21,537	
General Revenues				
FTE and other nonspecific revenues	3,719,000	3,830,176	3,835,021	
Charges and other revenues	154,500	158,716	159,030	
Total Revenues	4,456,336	4,573,990	4,580,182	
CURRENT EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	2,236,554	2,214,076	2,212,142	
Student support services	74,000	73,918	73,191	
Instructional staff training	15,000	5,176	4,652	
Board	42,000	36,187	35,308	
School administration	567,132	562,175	561,938	
Fiscal services	90,000	83,617	82,651	
Food services	200,384	210,026	194,904	
Student transportation services	11,841	6,175	5,228	
Central services	136,000	130,817	128,116	
Operation of plant	709,198	690,888	683,975	
Maintenance of plant	169,000	165,716	164,599	
Administrative technology services	37,318	37,189	36,956	
Total Current Expenditures	\$ 4,288,427	\$ 4,215,960	\$ 4,183,660	

Most variances occurred as a result of the Budget adopted being more conservative than actual results for the year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the finances of the Charter School. Requests for additional information may be addressed to Ms. Ana Martinez at Academica Dade, LLC, 6340 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida 33143.

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2018

Assets	Governmental Activities
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 133,672
Investments	2,080,000
Prepaid expenses	44,359
Due from other agencies	8,122
Deposits receivable	25,944
Total Current Assets	2,292,097
Due from other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.	250,000
Capital assets, depreciable	1,388,792
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,135,650)
	253,142
Total Assets	2,795,239
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u> </u>
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	17,760
Accrued payroll liabilities	217,717
Total Liabilities	235,477
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u> </u>
Net Position	
Investment in capital assets and long term receivables	503,142
Unrestricted	2,056,620
Total Net Position	\$ 2,559,762

Statement of Activities For the year ended June 30, 2018

FUNCTIONS		Expenses	Charges for Services	Gi	perating rants and atributions	Capital Grants and Contribution	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes s <u>in Net Position</u>
Governmental activities: Instruction	\$	2,307,688	\$103,721	\$	4,108	\$ -	\$ (2,199,859)
Student support services	Ψ	73,191	\$105,721 -	Ψ	-,100	φ -	(73,191)
Instructional staff training		4,652	-		_	-	(4,652)
Board		35,308	-		-	-	(35,308)
School administration		561,938	-		-	-	(561,938)
Facilities acquisition		2,354	-		-	-	(2,354)
Fiscal services		82,651	-		-	-	(82,651)
Food services		198,595	21,537		196,900	-	19,842
Central services		128,116	-		-	-	(128,116)
Student transportation services		5,228			-	-	(5,228)
Operation of plant		708,164	7,422		-	363,586	(337,156)
Maintenance of plant		180,419	-		-	-	(180,419)
Administrative technology services		36,956	-		-	-	(36,956)
Total governmental activities		4,325,260	132,680		201,008	363,586	(3,627,986)

General revenues:	
FTE and other nonspecific revenues	3,835,021
Interest and other revenue	47,887
Change in net position	254,922
Net position, beginning	2,304,840
Net position, ending	\$ 2,559,762

Program Revenues

Mater Academy Miami Beach

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2018

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	General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
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<u>Assets</u>	¢ 110.120	¢	¢ 122.770
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,139	\$ 23,533	\$ 133,672
Investments	2,080,000	-	2,080,000
Due from other agencies	-	8,122	8,122
Due from fund	8,122	-	8,122
Prepaid expenses	44,359	-	44,359
Deposits receivable	25,944		25,944
Total Assets	2,268,564	31,655	2,300,219
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Liabilities			
Salaries and wages payable	217,717	-	217,717
Accounts Payable	17,760		17,760
Due to fund		8,122	8,122
Total Liabilities	235,477	8,122	243,599
Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	_	
Deterred millions of Resources			())
Fund balance			
Nonspendable, not in spendable form	70,303	-	70,303
Assigned	1	23,533	23,533
Unassigned	1,962,784	-	1,962,784
5265 <u>4</u>	2,033,087	23,533	2,056,620
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of	4		3
Resources and Fund Balance	\$2,268,564	\$ 31,655	\$ 2,300,219

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2018

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,056,620
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets of \$1,388,792 net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,135,650 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.	253,142
Long term receivables from related party in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	 250,000
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 2,559,762

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the year ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
State capital outlay funding	\$ -	\$ 204,258	\$ 204,258
State passed through local	3,835,021	8 8	3,835,021
Local capital improvement revenue		159,328	159,328
Federal sources		201,008	201,008
Lunch program service charge	. .	21,537	21,537
Charges for services and other revenue	159,030	<u> </u>	159,030
Total Revenues	3,994,051	586,131	4,580,182
Expenditures:			
Current			
Instruction	2,208,034	4,108	2,212,142
Student support services	73,191	-	73,191
Instructional staff training	4,652	-	4,652
Board	35,308	-	35,308
School administration	561,938	-	561,938
Fiscal services	82,651		82,651
Food services	-	194,904	194,904
Student transportation services	5,228	-	5,228
Central services	128,116	1.75	128,116
Operation of plant	320,389	363,586	683,975
Maintenance of plant	164,599	-	164,599
Administrative technology services	36,956		36,956
Capital Outlay:			
Other capital outlay	46,907	7 8	46,907
Total Expenditures	3,667,969	562,598	4,230,567
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	326,082	23,533	349,615
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)	-		
Net change in fund balance	326,082	23,533	349,615
Fund Balance at beginning of year	1,707,005		1,707,005
Fund Balance at end of year	\$2,033,087	\$ 23,533	\$ 2,056,620

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, 2018

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

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 capital outlays of \$46,907 exceeded depreciation expense of \$141,600.

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 254,922

(94, 693)

\$

349,615

Statement of Net Position - Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2018

	Agency Funds
Assets	
Cash	\$ 4,347
Total Assets	4,347
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Liabilities	
Due to students and clubs	4,347
Total Liabilities	4,347
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Net Position	\$ -

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

Mater Academy Miami Beach (the "School"), is a charter school sponsored by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "District"). The School's charter is held by Mater Academy, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the board of directors of Mater Academy, Inc., which is composed of five members and also governs other charter schools. The board of directors has determined that no component units exists that would require inclusion in the School's financial statements.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The current charter expires on June 30, 2020 and it can be renewed in accordance with law. A charter can also be terminated before its date of expiration for reasons set forth in the charter and Section 1002.33 of the Florida Statutes.

The School is located in Miami Beach, Florida for students from kindergarten through ninth grade. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2018, when on average 551 students were enrolled for the school year.

Basis of Presentation

The School's accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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 about the School as a whole. Any internal interfund activity has been eliminated from these financial statements. Both statements report only governmental activities as the School does not engage in any business type activities. These statements do not include fiduciary funds.

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, such as food service and student activity fees; (2) operating grants such as the National School Lunch Program, Federal grants, and other state allocations; and (3) capital grants specific to capital outlay. Other revenue sources not included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds. The operations of the funds are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, equity, revenues and expenditures. The School reports the following major governmental funds with all non-major funds aggregated in a single column:

General Fund - is the School's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the school, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Additionally, the School reports separately the following fiduciary fund types:

Agency Fund – School's internal funds accounts for resources of the schools' Internal Fund which is used to administer monies collected at the schools in connection with school, student activities, class, and club activities.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of 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 Guidance*.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the full 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.

The School recognizes assets of non-exchange transactions in the period when the underlying transaction occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, or when all eligibility requirements are met. Revenues are recognized, on the modified accrual basis, when they are measurable and available.

Non-exchange transactions occur when the school provides (or receives) value to (from) another party without receiving (or giving) equal or nearly equal value in return. Most donations are examples of non-exchange transactions. Revenues from grants and donations are recognized on the accrual basis, 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 liabilities of the current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 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. Charges for services and fees are recognized when cash is collected as amounts are not measurable. 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.

Agency fund assets and liabilities are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

In compliance with Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors adopts an annual budget using the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g. salaries and benefits, purchased services, materials and supplies and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g. instruction, pupil personnel services and school administration). Revisions to the annual budget are approved by the Board.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, non-marketable time deposits with maturities of three months or less when purchased, and money market/savings accounts.

The School has not adopted a formal deposit and investment policy that limits the School's allowable deposits or investments and address specific types of risk; however the School invests excess deposit funds in a government money market mutual fund. The School has adopted GASB Codification Section 3100 *Fair Value Measurement and Application* (see Note 2).

Inter-fund Transfers

Inter-fund receivables/payables ("due from/to") are short-term balances that represent reimbursements between funds for payments made by one fund on behalf of another fund.

Due from Other Governments or Agencies

Amounts due to the School by other governments or agencies relate to grants or programs for which the services have been provided by the School.

Capital Assets

The School's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$500 or more. Building improvements, additions and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost 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:

Improvements	5-20 Years
Furniture and equipment	5 Years
Textbooks	3 Years
Computer equipment and software	5 Years

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Compensated Absences

The School grants a specific number of sick days. Full time instructional employees are eligible to 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 an opportunity to "cash out" unused sick days however, the employees may only cash out if they have used three days or less of their sick leave in that benefit year. Employees may not cash out more than ten days per school year and are required to always maintain a minimum of twenty-one unused days in order to cash out. The cash out value is eighty percent of their current daily rate. There is no termination payment for accumulated unused sick days.

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 absences available to be used in future benefits 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.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the District 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 District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of the full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the FEFP. Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. After review and verification of FTE reports and supporting documentation, the FDOE may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of FEFP funding for prior year errors disclosed by its review as well as to prevent statewide allocations from exceeding the amount authorized by the Legislature. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions of revenue in the year the adjustment is made.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The School receives state funds through the District under charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. Funds are based on a capital outlay plan submitted to the District and are to be used for lease of school facilities. In addition, the School receives a portion of the local capital improvement ad valorem tax revenues levied by the District.

Finally, the School also receives 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 expended. Additionally, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

Net Position and Fund Balance Classification

Government-wide financial statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- a) <u>Net investment in Capital Assets and long term receivables</u>- consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and long term receivables reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition or improvement of those assets an long term advances to other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.
- <u>Restricted net position</u> consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- c) <u>Unrestricted net position</u> all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Fund financial statements

GASB Codification Section 1800.142, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be properly reported within one of the fund balance categories list below:

- a) <u>Nonspendable</u> includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Consists of 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).
- b) <u>Restricted</u> this classification includes fund balance category amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. There are no restricted fund balances at year end.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

- c) <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. There are no committed fund balances at year end.
- d) <u>Assigned</u> fund balance classification that is 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.
- <u>Unassigned</u> portion of the fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned for a specific purpose. This is the residual classification for the School's general fund.

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, assigned fund balance, and unassigned 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 unassigned 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.

Income Taxes

Mater Academy, Inc. qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under 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.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 4, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 - Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Deposits

The School maintains its cash and cash equivalents in two financial institutions. As of June 30, 2018, the School's deposits consisted of cash balances of \$127,604.

Deposits at FDIC-insured institutions are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor, per financial institution. The School is a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc., which also operates various other charter schools. All bank accounts are opened under the account ownership of Mater Academy, Inc., therefore, bank balances at times may potentially be in excess of FDIC coverage. As of June 30, 2018, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage was \$130,502; including fiduciary account bank balances.

Investments

The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by GASB Codification Section 3100 *Fair Value Measurement and Application*. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in markets for identical assets: Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, credit risk, etc.); Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

At June 30, 2018, the School has the following recurring fair value measurements:

• Government money market mutual fund of \$2,130,000 valued using Level 2 inputs.

The government money market mutual fund values its portfolio securities at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The government money market mutual fund primarily invests in cash, high quality, short-term U.S. government securities and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by government securities that have been valued by the fund as Level 2. As of January 31, 2018, maturities of the fund's portfolio holdings are approximately 59% within 30 days.

Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of investments in a single issuer. The School manages its exposure to credit risk by limiting investments to highly rated government money market mutual funds. The fund is rated Aaa-mf by Moody's.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution or counterparty that is in possession of investment or collateral securities, the School will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Note 2 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (continued)

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School will not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2018, all of the School's investments in government money market mutual funds were held in a separate account and designated as assets of the School.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting all investments to government money market mutual funds that can be redeemed daily.

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, 2018:

	Balance 07/01/17		Additions		Reclassifications		Balance 06/30/18	
Capital Assets:								
Capital assets, depreciable:								
Buildings and improvements	\$	251,437	\$		\$	-:	\$	251,437
Computer equipment and software		588,597		29,934		40,398		658,929
Furniture, equipment and textbooks		501,851		16,973		(40,398)		478,426
Total Capital Assets		1,341,885		46,907		-		1,388,792
Less Accumulated Depreciation:								
Buildings and Improvements		(165,848)		(34,816)		<u>9</u>		(200,664)
Computer equipment and software		(465,287)		(73,685)		-		(538,972)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks		(362,915)		(33,099)		-		(396,014)
Total Accumulated Depreciation		(994,050)		(141,600)		÷.		(1,135,650)
Capital Assets, net	\$	347,835	\$	(94,693)	\$	-	\$	253,142

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, depreciation expense is allocated in the Statement of Activities by function as follows:

Instruction	\$ 95,546
Food services	3,691
Facilities acquisition	2,354
Maintenance of plant	15,820
Operation of plant	24,189
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 141,600

Note 4 – Education Service and Support Provider

Academica Dade, LLC, an education service and support provider, offers administrative services to the School including, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of the books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting and financial reporting and virtual education services. The agreement calls for a fee on per student basis. The agreement is with Mater Academy, Inc. for a period of five years, through June 30, 2021, and unless terminated by the board shall be renewed along with any renewals to the charter agreement. During the year ended June 30, 2018, the School incurred \$247,950 in fees.

Academica Dade, LLC is located at 6340 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida 33143.

Note 5 – Transactions With Other Divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.

Mater Academy, Inc. (the "Corporation") charges all its affiliated schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. Mater Academy Miami Beach paid Mater Academy, Inc. approximately \$82,650 in connection with these charges during the year.

In addition, the School has made a long term, non-interest bearing advance to the charter holder corporate account under Mater Academy, Inc.. The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term advances to other schools for the year ended June 30, 2018:

	Balance						Balance
	07/01/17 Additions		Deletions		06/30/18		
Mater Academy, Inc Corporate account	\$ 250,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	250,000
Total Long Term Receivables	\$ 250,000	\$		\$	-	\$	250,000

Note 6 - Commitments, Contingencies and Concentrations

The School entered into an educational facilities license agreement with the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. for its facility. The agreement calls for an annual Facility Usage Reimbursement of \$277,745 plus a Student Census Annual Payment of \$700 per student, per year for every student in excess of an enrollment of 300 students at the facility. Commencing on July 1, 2018, and in each year thereafter, the Facility Usage Reimbursement and the Student Census Payment rates will increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The agreement continues through June 30, 2020 with an automatic renewal for five years terms unless terminated as provided by in the agreement.

Note 6 - Commitments, Contingencies and Concentrations (continued)

For 2018, rent expense totaled \$472,875. Future minimum payments under the agreement are as follows:

Year	
2019	\$277,745
2020	\$277,745

Contingencies and Concentrations

The School receives substantially all of its funding from the District under the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which is based in part on a computation of the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students attending different instructional programs. The accuracy of FTE student data submitted by individual schools and used in the FEFP computations is subject to audit by the state and, if found to be in error, could result in refunds to the state or in decreases to future funding allocations. Additionally, the School receives various forms of federal, state and local funding which are subject to financial and compliance audits. It is the opinion of management that the amount of funding, if any, which may be remitted back to the state due to errors in the FTE student data or the amount of grant expenditures which may be disallowed by grantor agencies would not be material to the financial position of the School.

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 5% of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2018, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$87,200.

Note 7 – Risk Management

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to and destruction of assets; administrative errors and omissions; personal injury; workers compensation and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the past years. In addition, there were no reductions in insurance coverage from those in the prior year.

Note 8 – Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Post-retirement Benefits

The School's personnel, which are leased through ADP TotalSource Group, Inc., are eligible to participate in a defined contribution 401(k) plan sponsored by the leasing company, covering employees who meet certain age and tenure requirements. Under the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), the School matches 100% of the employee's contributions up to 4% of the employee's compensation. The School contributed to the Plan \$47,042 for the year ended June 30, 2018. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plans' assets, which are administered by Voya.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	
REVENUES				
State passed through local	\$ 3,719,000	\$ 3,830,176	\$ 3,835,021	
Charges for services and other revenue	154,500	158,716	159,030	
Total Revenues	3,873,500	3,988,892	3,994,051	
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Instruction	2,230,254	2,208,176	2,208,034	
Student support services	74,000	73,918	73,191	
Instructional staff training	15,000	5,176	4,652	
Board	42,000	36,187	35,308	
School administration	567,132	562,175	561,938	
Fiscal services	90,000	83,617	82,651	
Student transportation services	11,841	6,175	5,228	
Central services	136,000	130,817	128,116	
Operation of plant	333,046	321,716	320,389	
Maintenance of plant	169,000	165,716	164,599	
Administrative technology services	37,318	37,189	36,956	
Total Current Expenditures	3,705,591	3,630,862	3,621,062	
Excess of Revenues				
Over Current Expenditures	167,909	358,030	372,989	
Capital Outlay	150,000	48,179	46,907	
Total Expenditures	3,855,591	3,679,041	3,667,969	
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	17,909	309,851	326,082	
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in (out)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	-	
Net change in fund balance	17,909	309,851	326,082	
Fund Balance at beginning of year	1,707,005	1,707,005	1,707,005	
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 1,724,914	\$ 2,016,856	\$ 2,033,087	

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

An annual budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Amendments to the budget can only be made with the approval of the Board of Directors.



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*

To the Board of Directors of Mater Academy Miami Beach Miami Beach, Florida

We have audited, 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., the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Academy Miami Beach (the "School"), as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2018, 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 4, 2018.

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 opinion 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 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.

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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*.

We issued a separate management letter dated September 4, 2018 pursuant to Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

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.

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Coral Gables, Florida September 4, 2018



MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of Mater Academy Miami Beach Miami Beach, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Academy Miami Beach as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 and have issued our report thereon dated September 4, 2018.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Other Reports and Schedules

We have issued our Independent Auditors' 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 schedules, which are dated September 4, 2018, 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.

There were no findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Office Title

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 Mater Academy Miami Beach.

Financial Condition

Section 10.854(1)(e)2, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we report the results of our determination as to whether or not Mater Academy Miami Beach 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 Mater Academy Miami Beach 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 Mater Academy Miami Beach. It is management's responsibility to monitor Mater Academy Miami Beach financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review

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of financial information provided by same. We have applied such procedures as of the fiscal year end and no deteriorating financial condition has been noted.

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 Mater Academy Miami Beach maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that Mater Academy Miami Beach 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 recommendations:

ML – 18-01 INTERNAL ACCOUNT DEPOSITS

- Criteria: The School designed and implemented an internal control system to reduce the risk of misappropriation of assets and/or cash receipts by establishing a general policy regarding the collection of money as detailed in the School's "Internal Accounts Policies and Procedures" handbook.
- Condition: We noted several exceptions during our testing, including: (1) deposits that were missing receipts for cash collections over \$15 and (2) unreconciled differences between the Recap of Collections Forms and bank deposit receipts.
- Cause: The condition results from school personnel not consistently adhering to the policies and procedures regarding the collection of funds as detailed in the handbook.
- Effect: Failure to perform the procedures mentioned above could result in misappropriation of cash receipts.

Recom-

mendation: We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and procedures relating to the internal account so that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed, and reconciled to the amount deposited in the bank account. In addition, we recommend the School's treasurer and staff accepting cash receipts be provided additional internal account training to ensure compliance with these policies.

Views of Responsible

officials: See attached management response.

ML – 18-02 INTERNAL ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS

- Criteria: The School designed and implemented an internal control system to reduce the risk of misappropriation of funds by establishing a general policy regarding disbursements as detailed in the School's "Internal Accounts Policies and Procedures" handbook.
- Condition: We noted several exceptions during our testing, including: (1) not using a check requisition form with authorized signatures prior to preparing a check or cash disbursements and (2) not utilizing purchase orders prior to initiating a requisition for goods or services.
- Cause: The condition results from school personnel not consistently adhering to the policies and procedures regarding the collection of funds as detailed in the handbook.
- Effect: Failure to perform the procedures mentioned above could result in misappropriation of funds.

Recom-

mendation: We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and procedures relating to the internal account so that all disbursements of funds are properly documented, approved, and authorized prior to checks or other method of payment are issued.

Views of Responsible

officials: See attached management response.

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.

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 Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, School Board of Dade County, 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.

Heb Gruier, UP CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida September 4, 2018

Mater Academy Miami Beach

September 4, 2018

HLB Gravier, LLP 396 Alhambra Circle, 9th Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134

RE: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The following is the response by the School's Board of Directors to your recommendations:

ML 18-01 – INTERNAL ACCOUNT DEPOSITS

Recommendation

We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and procedures relating to the internal account so that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed, and reconciled to the amount deposited in the bank account. In addition, we recommend the School's treasurer and staff accepting cash receipts be provided additional internal account training to ensure compliance with these policies.

Management's Response

Management will adhere to auditor's recommendation and enforce adherence to established internal control policies and procedures. Receipts shall be issued for cash payments exceeding \$15, bank deposit receipts shall be properly reconciled to recap sheets, and additional training will be provided to the school treasurer. The school principal will also monitor the treasurer's performance and ensure compliance with established policies.

ML 18-02 – INTERNAL ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS

Recommendation

We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and procedures relating to the internal account so that all disbursements of funds are properly documented, approved, and authorized prior to checks or other method of payment being issued.

Management's Response

Management will adhere to auditor's recommendation and enforce adherence to established internal control policies and procedures. All required supporting documentation and approvals will be included with each disbursement record. The school principal will also monitor the treasurer's performance and ensure compliance with established policies.

Sincerely

Roberto C. Blanch President, Mater Academy, Inc.

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School Principal, Mater Apademy Miami Beach