

Mater Gardens Academy  
WL# 0312

(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  
Mater Gardens Academy  
Miami, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Gardens Academy (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.



### ***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 Gardens Academy 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 Gardens Academy 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 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.

*HLB Gravier, LLP*

Coral Gables, Florida  
September 4, 2018

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
Mater Gardens Academy  
(A charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.)  
June 30, 2018

The corporate officers of Mater Gardens Academy 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 \$882,524.
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$725,208.
3. The net position of the School decreased by \$118,104 during the year.
4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$367,501.

**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 - 27 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, the net position was \$882,524 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017 follows:

	2018	2017
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 108,349	\$ 27,776
Investments	510,000	713,100
Prepaid expenses	71,773	107,448
Due from other agencies	9,009	13,941
Other assets	26,077	26,077
Capital Assets, net	417,173	310,203
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,142,381</b>	<b>1,198,545</b>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	251,857	189,917
Other payables	8,000	8,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>259,857</b>	<b>197,917</b>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>		
Net Investment in capital assets	417,173	310,203
Unrestricted	465,351	690,425
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 882,524</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,628</b>

At the end of the fiscal year, the School is able to report continued positive balances in the categories of net position. The same situation held true for the prior fiscal year.

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

#### REVENUES

Program Revenues		
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 8,573	\$ 12,119
Capital Outlay Funding	159,606	215,556
Local capital improvements revenue	174,503	-
Lunch Program	264,461	230,602
Charges for Services	218,933	248,839
General Revenues		
Local Sources(FTE and other non specific)	4,417,571	4,332,708
Other Revenues	23,815	32,675
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,267,462</b>	<b>\$ 5,072,499</b>

#### EXPENSES

Instruction	\$ 2,693,164	\$ 2,428,079
Student support services	56,819	-
Instructional staff training	28,898	4,734
Board	34,138	74,778
School administration	488,314	451,581
Facilities acquisition	6,335	6,973
Fiscal services	89,550	88,350
Food services	260,614	282,052
Central services	121,416	93,262
Operation of plant	1,462,868	1,349,522
Maintenance of plant	115,655	112,846
Administrative technology services	27,795	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,385,566</b>	<b>4,892,177</b>
(Decrease) Increase in Net Position	(118,104)	180,322
Net Position at Beginning of Year	1,000,628	820,306
Net Position at End of Year	<b>\$ 882,524</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,628</b>

The School's revenue and expenditures increased by \$194,963 and \$493,389, respectively, due to an increase in enrollment. The School had a decrease in its net position of \$118,104 for the year.

#### Accomplishments

In 2018, Mater Gardens Academy (MGA) completed its 12<sup>th</sup> year of operation, serving 598 students in grades K-5. The school earned a letter grade of "A" under the State of Florida Accountability Program for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and ranked among the highest-performing public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County.

The mission of Mater Gardens Academy is to provide students with the skills, strategies, technology, and resources that will enable them to further their education and make a positive difference in their community. The school provides students with enriching educational opportunities including a bilingual and gifted program and an abundance of extracurricular activities including choir, chess team and various sports teams.



Recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School, Mater Gardens boasts of programs that enable teachers to reach the varying learning styles and backgrounds of their students. This past year, Mater Gardens Academy was rated among the most equitable schools in the nation. *Education Cities* and *GreatSchools* ranked the Top 10 U.S. cities closing or reducing the Achievement Gap for economically disadvantaged students. Mater Gardens Academy was one of the top 10 schools in the city of Hialeah to be recognized, making Hialeah No. 1 in the nation for education equity.

Throughout the year, MGA students participated in and received notable recognition for academics, extracurricular activities and community service projects:

- Students raised funds for the uMater Campaign
- Teachers took part in the “Leader in Me” leadership seminars.
- Students participated in the annual in-house English/Spanish spelling bee.
- Mater Ray Cheerleaders participated at the COA National Championship.
- Students prepared boxes and gifts ready for children who benefitted from Operation Christmas Child.
- Students celebrated the Hispanic Heritage Festival, where all Hispanic countries were represented. The celebration included ethnic foods and student created projects, which were displayed and appreciated by the staff, students and parents.

As part of the Mater Academy network of high quality charter schools, Mater Gardens Academy 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 \$465,351. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School’s discretion is \$367,501. 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 \$417,173 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes building and improvements and furniture, equipment, and textbooks. The School has no outstanding debt associated to capital assets.

### Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights

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

	Governmental Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
State capital outlay funding	\$ 112,860	\$ 159,606	\$ 159,606
Federal sources	250,000	215,000	218,576
Local capital improvements revenue	-	174,503	174,503
General Revenues			
FTE and other nonspecific revenues	4,418,720	4,416,000	4,417,571
Charges and other revenues	290,000	290,000	297,206
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 5,071,580</u>	<u>\$ 5,255,109</u>	<u>\$ 5,267,462</u>
CURRENT EXPENDITURES			
Instruction	\$ 2,665,944	\$ 2,645,944	\$ 2,621,712
Student support services	60,000	60,000	56,819
Instructional staff training	30,000	30,000	28,898
Board	77,400	34,138	34,138
School administration	454,023	489,000	488,314
Fiscal services	89,100	89,550	89,550
Food services	250,000	255,000	251,261
Central services	89,100	121,500	121,416
Operation of plant	1,460,025	1,444,669	1,441,895
Maintenance of plant	83,800	105,000	104,254
Administrative technology services	30,000	30,000	27,795
Total Current Expenditures	<u>\$ 5,289,392</u>	<u>\$ 5,304,801</u>	<u>\$ 5,266,052</u>

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.

Mater Gardens Academy  
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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities
<b><u>Assets</u></b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 108,349
Investments	510,000
Prepaid expenses	71,773
Due from other agencies	9,009
Other assets	26,077
Total Current Assets	<u>725,208</u>
Capital assets, depreciable	1,876,201
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,459,028)</u>
	417,173
Total Assets	<u>1,142,381</u>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Current liabilities:	
Salaries and wages payable	251,857
Other payables	8,000
Total Liabilities	<u>259,857</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>	
Net Investment in capital assets	417,173
Unrestricted	465,351
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 882,524</u>

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

Mater Gardens Academy  
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Statement of Activities  
For the year ended June 30, 2018

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental activities:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 2,693,164	\$ 199,915	\$ 8,573	\$ -	\$ (2,484,676)
Student support services	56,819	-	-	-	(56,819)
Instructional staff training	28,898	-	-	-	(28,898)
Board	34,138	-	-	-	(34,138)
School administration	488,314	-	-	-	(488,314)
Facilities acquisition	6,335	-	-	-	(6,335)
Fiscal services	89,550	-	-	-	(89,550)
Food services	260,614	54,458	210,003	-	3,847
Central services	121,416	-	-	-	(121,416)
Operation of plant	1,462,868	19,018	-	334,109	(1,109,741)
Maintenance of plant	115,655	-	-	-	(115,655)
Administrative technology services	27,795	-	-	-	(27,795)
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<b>5,385,566</b>	<b>273,391</b>	<b>218,576</b>	<b>334,109</b>	<b>(4,559,490)</b>
General revenues:					
FTE and other nonspecific revenues					4,417,571
Interest and other revenue					23,815
Change in net position					(118,104)
Net position , beginning					1,000,628
Net position, ending					\$ 882,524

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part of these financial statements.

Mater Gardens Academy  
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 108,349	\$ -	\$ 108,349
Investments	510,000	-	510,000
Due from other agencies	-	9,009	9,009
Due from fund	9,009	-	9,009
Prepaid expenses	71,773	-	71,773
Other assets	26,077	-	26,077
Total Assets	<u>725,208</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>734,217</u>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>			
Salaries and wages payable	251,857	-	251,857
Other payables	8,000	-	8,000
Due to fund	-	9,009	9,009
Total Liabilities	<u>259,857</u>	<u>9,009</u>	<u>268,866</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Fund balance</u></b>			
Nonspendable, not in spendable form	97,850	-	97,850
Unassigned	367,501	-	367,501
	<u>465,351</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>465,351</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 725,208</u>	<u>\$ 9,009</u>	<u>\$ 734,217</u>

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part of these financial statements.



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

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Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 465,351

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

Capital assets of \$1,876,202 net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,459,029 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.	<u>417,173</u>
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Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 882,524</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Mater Gardens Academy  
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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	\$ -	\$ 159,606	\$ 159,606
State passed through local	4,417,571	-	4,417,571
Local capital improvements revenue	-	174,503	174,503
Federal sources	-	218,576	218,576
Charges and other revenues	242,748	54,458	297,206
Total Revenues	4,660,319	607,143	5,267,462
Expenditures:			
Current			
Instruction	2,613,139	8,573	2,621,712
Student support services	56,819	-	56,819
Instructional staff training	28,898	-	28,898
Board	34,138	-	34,138
School administration	488,314	-	488,314
Fiscal services	89,550	-	89,550
Food services	-	251,261	251,261
Central services	121,416	-	121,416
Operation of plant	1,107,786	334,109	1,441,895
Maintenance of plant	104,254	-	104,254
Administrative technology services	27,795	-	27,795
Capital Outlay:			
Other capital outlay	226,484	-	226,484
Total Expenditures	4,898,593	593,943	5,492,536
(Deficit) Excess of revenues over expenditures	(238,274)	13,200	(225,074)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)	13,200	(13,200)	-
Net change in fund balance	(225,074)	-	(225,074)
Fund Balance at beginning of year	690,425	-	690,425
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 465,351	\$ -	\$ 465,351

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part of these financial statements.

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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

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Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ (225,074)
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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 \$226,484 exceeded from depreciation expense of \$119,514.

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (118,104)</u>
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Statement of Net Position - Fiduciary Funds  
June 30, 2018

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	Agency Funds
<b><u>Assets</u></b>	
Cash	\$ 38,110
Total Assets	<u>38,110</u>
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Due to students and clubs	\$ 38,110
Total Liabilities	<u>38,110</u>
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

## **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### Reporting Entity

Mater Gardens Academy (the "School"), is a charter school sponsored by the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "District"). The Schools' 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 exist 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, 2031 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 serves children from kindergarten through fifth grade and is funded by the District. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2018, when on average 597 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 as 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 financial 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 and fiduciary funds, even though the fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements. 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 inflow of resources, equity, revenues and expenditures. The School reports the following major governmental funds with all non-major 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* – accounts for resources of the School's Internal Fund, which is used to administer monies collected at the schools in connection with school, student athletics, 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.

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.

Transfers from the special fund to the general fund relate to reimbursements for prior period shortages in the National School Lunch Program.

**Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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.

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).

Due from Other Governments or Agencies

Amounts due to the School by other governments or agencies are for grants or programs under 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 a 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 and Software	3 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 receive one day per month 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. Employees may “cash out” unused sick days, however, 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 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 from the state through 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 classifications

*Government-wide financial statements*

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

- a) Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- b) Restricted net position - 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) Unrestricted net position - 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) Nonspendable – 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) Restricted – 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) Committed - 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) Assigned - 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. There are no assigned fund balances at year end.
- e) Unassigned – 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.

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.

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, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **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 \$179,132.

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 \$231,884; 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 \$510,000 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, the fund's annual report, 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.

**Note 2 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (Continued)**

*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. 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	Retirements	Balance 06/30/18
Capital Assets:				
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 497,667	\$ 70,622	\$ -	\$ 568,289
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	753,967	113,733	-	867,700
Computer equipment and software	369,939	42,129	-	412,068
Audiovisual equipment	28,145	-	-	28,145
Total Capital Assets	1,649,718	226,484	-	1,876,202
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	(400,531)	(38,873)	-	(439,404)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	(684,762)	(33,875)	-	(718,637)
Computer equipment and software	(226,077)	(46,766)	-	(272,843)
Audiovisual equipment	(28,145)	-	-	(28,145)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,339,515)	(119,514)	-	(1,459,029)
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 310,203</u>	<u>\$ 106,970</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 417,173</u>

**Note 3 –Capital Assets (Continued)**

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

Instruction	\$	71,452
Facilities acquisition		6,335
Food expenses		9,353
Operation of plant		20,973
Maintenance of plant		11,401
Total Depreciation Expense	\$	<u>119,514</u>

**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, financial reporting and virtual education services. The agreement calls for a fee on a 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 approximately \$268,650 in fees.

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

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

During 2018, the School's facility was shared with Mater Gardens Academy Middle School. Management allocates a proportionate share of leases, salaries, lunch receipts, food and supplies and other expenses to each school individually based on student enrollment and usage. The School's lunch program is also shared with Mater Gardens Academy Middle School. Revenues and expenses related to such program have been allocated based on FTE equivalent for purposes of presentation in the financial statements.

Mater Academy, Inc. charges all its affiliated schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. Mater Gardens Academy paid Mater Academy, Inc. approximately \$89,550 in connection with these charges during the year.

**Note 6 – Commitments, Contingencies and Concentrations**

The School entered into a lease and security agreement with Northwestern Grant, LLC for its 51,246 square feet facility including all ancillary facilities, outdoor areas and other improvements. The landlord is an affiliate of the School's education service and support provider (see Note 4). This facility is shared with Mater Gardens Academy Middle School (a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.).

Initial fixed annual payments under this agreement are approximately \$1,433,255 adjusted annually after the second year based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance. The agreement continues through June 30, 2027 with an option to renew for two additional five-year terms.

Under the agreement, the School must meet certain covenants and requirements, including a "Lease Payment Coverage Ratio" of not less than 1.10 to 1.00.

Lease payments are allocated among the two schools based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used for 2018, was approximately 75% for the School and 25% for Mater Gardens Academy Middle School.

For 2018, rent expense totaled \$1,089,620.



**Note 6 – Commitments, Contingencies and Concentrations (continued)**

Future minimum payments for the full lease (to be shared with Mater Gardens Academy Middle School) are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	
2019	1,460,578
2020	1,460,578
2021	1,460,578
2022	1,460,578
2023	1,460,578
2024-2027	5,842,312 (total for four year period)

**Contingencies and Concentrations**

The School receives substantially all of its funding from the State through 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 participates in a number of federal, state and local grants which are subject to financial and compliance audits.

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 2% of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2018, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$36,505.

**Note 7 – 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.

**Note 8 - Defined Contribution Retirement Plan**

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 provides a match of 100% of the employee's contribution up to 4% of the employee's compensation. The School contributed to the Plan \$32,806 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

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

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

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
State passed through local	\$ 4,418,720	\$ 4,416,000	\$ 4,417,571
Charges and other revenue	240,000	240,000	242,748
Total Revenues	4,658,720	4,656,000	4,660,319
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Instruction	2,665,944	2,635,944	2,613,139
Student support services	60,000	60,000	56,819
Instructional Staff Training	30,000	30,000	28,898
Board	77,400	34,138	34,138
School Administration	454,023	489,000	488,314
Fiscal Services	89,100	89,550	89,550
Central Services	89,100	121,500	121,416
Operation of Plant	1,297,165	1,110,560	1,107,786
Maintenance of Plant	83,800	105,000	104,254
Administrative technology services	30,000	30,000	27,795
Total Current Expenditures	4,876,532	4,705,692	4,672,109
Excess of Revenues			
Over Current Expenditures	(217,812)	(49,692)	(11,790)
Capital Outlay	-	250,000	226,484
Total Expenditures	4,876,532	4,955,692	4,898,593
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(217,812)	(299,692)	(238,274)
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in (out)	-	-	13,200
Net change in fund balance	(217,812)	(299,692)	(225,074)
Fund Balance at beginning of year	690,425	690,425	690,425
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 472,613	\$ 390,733	\$ 465,351

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

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Board of Directors of  
Mater Gardens Academy  
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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Gardens Academy (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 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*.

We noted certain matters that were reported to management in 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.

HUB GRAVER, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
September 4, 2018





**GRAVIER, LLP**

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## MANAGEMENT LETTER

Board of Directors of  
Mater Gardens Academy  
Miami, Florida

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

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Gardens Academy 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; and Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

### **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 audit report.

### **Official 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 Gardens Academy.

### **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 Gardens Academy 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 Gardens Academy did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.



Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Mater Gardens Academy. It is management's responsibility to monitor Mater Gardens Academy'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. 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 report the results of our determination as to whether Mater Gardens Academy 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 Gardens Academy 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 had the following findings and 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 the following: There were deposit summaries that did not agree to the supporting Recap of Collections Forms and bank deposit receipt.

Cause: The condition results from school personnel not consistently adhering to the policies and procedures regarding the collection of money as detailed in the handbook.

Effect: Failure to perform the procedures mentioned above could result in misappropriation of cash receipts.

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.

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 noted the following matters.

**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 Miami-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.

*Hub Grenier, LLP*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
September 4, 2018

**Mater Gardens Academy**

September 4, 2018

HLB Gravier, LLP  
396 Alhambra Circle, 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

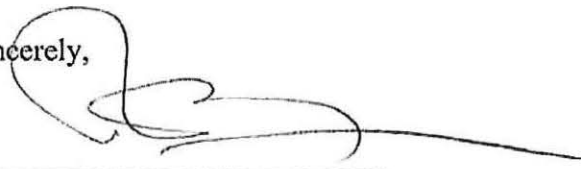

**Recommendation**

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.

**Management's Response**

Management will adhere to auditor's recommendation and enforce adherence to established internal control policies and procedures. All cash receipts shall be properly counted, reviewed, and reconciled to the bank deposit receipt. The school principal will also monitor the treasurer's performance and ensure compliance with established policies.

Sincerely,

  
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