

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report June 30, 2020

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Mater Academy East Charter School 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 East Charter School (the "School"), a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc., as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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 East Charter School as of June 30, 2020, 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 East Charter School as of June 30, 2020, 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, 2020 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **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 9 and 29 through 30 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 for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 14, 2020 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.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida September 14, 2020

## Management's Discussion and Analysis

Mater Academy East Charter School (A Charter School Under Mater Academy, Inc.) June 30, 2020

The corporate officers of Mater Academy, Inc. have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the Mater Academy East Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

## **Financial Highlights**

- 1. The net position of the School at June 30, 2020 was \$3,075,593.
- 2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$864,476
- 3. The School had a decrease in its net position of \$749,930 for the year ended June 30, 2020.
- 4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$507,656.

### **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, 2020 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 10-11 of this report.

### Fund Financial Statements

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

All of the funds of the School are governmental funds. *Governmental Funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental Fund financial statements, however, focus on *near-term* inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on the balances of spendable resources which are available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be used to evaluate a government's requirements for near-term financing.

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 - 16 of this report.

### Notes to Financial Statements

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

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 17 - 28 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 \$3,075,593 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	2020	2019
Cash	\$ 324,425	\$ 328,003
Investments	460,000	962,500
Prepaid expenses and other assets	38,121	79,619
Due from other agencies	41,930	50,091
Due from other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.	2,250,000	2,250,000
Capital Assets, net	 203,087	 338,074
Total Assets	 3,317,563	4,008,287
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Salaries and wages payable	193,625	155,016
Accounts Payable	48,345	27,748
Total Liabilities	 241,970	182,764
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets and long term receivables	2,453,087	2,588,074
Restricted	76,729	73,074
Unrestricted	 545,777	 1,164,375
Total Net Position	\$ 3,075,593	\$ 3,825,523

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	2020		2019
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$	444,127	\$ 536,553
Capital Grants and Contributions		288,281	326,020
Charges for services		6,959	6,514
General Revenues			
Local Sources (FTE and other non specific)		3,852,292	3,583,859
Other Revenues		19,987	 26,724
Total Revenues	\$	4,611,646	\$ 4,479,670
EXPENSES			
Governmental Activities:			
Instruction	\$	2,801,523	\$ 2,274,536
Student support services		50,637	91,308
Instructional staff training		6,932	8,415
Board		32,677	29,450
School administration		717,870	695,393
Facilities acquisition		1,511	8,174
Fiscal services		74,775	72,000
Food services		178,632	235,835
Central services		125,705	128,740
Operation of plant		1,064,821	1,021,873
Maintenance of plant		275,842	265,976
Administrative technology services		30,651	 28,505
Total Expenses		5,361,576	 4,860,205
Decrease in Net Position		(749,930)	 (380,535)
Net Position at Beginning of Year		3,825,523	 4,206,058
Net Position at End of Year	\$	3,075,593	\$ 3,825,523

The School's revenues and expenses increased by \$131,976 and \$501,371, respectively. The School had a decrease in its net position of \$749,930 for the year.

# **Capital Improvement Requirements**

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

### **School Location**

For 2019-2020, the school continues to operate from its facility located at 450 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami, Florida 33130.

## Accomplishments

In 2020, Mater Academy East completed its 18th year of operation, serving 495 students in grades K-5.

The school earned a letter grade of "A" under the State of Florida Accountability Program for 15 consecutive years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Florida Department of Education suspended state-mandated assessments for the 2020 school year. However, data from school-based internal assessments reflects that students continued to make significant learning gains.

Mater Academy East has consistently ranked as one of the highest-performing public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County and has received numerous accolades for its achievements. Most notably, Mater East has been named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education, twice. This national award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students. The school received the Blue Ribbon School Award in 2010 for closing the achievement gap and was nominated again for being a high achieving school.

Mater Academy East participated in various community service projects and fundraisers with organizations such as American Cancer Society, Amigos for Kids, The American Heart Association, Making Strides, Publix Supermarkets, and McDonald's. Students also participated in clubs and team sports including the Chess Club, the Cooking Club (partnership with Common Threads), the Art Club, Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA), the Book Club, and the Cheerleading Team. Students also participated in school-based productions such as the Hispanic Heritage Festival, Holiday Show, Student Live Art Auction Event, and the End of the Year Show.

According to *Great Schools*, Mater Academy East is rated above average in school quality compared to other schools in Florida with a 10/10 rating. The test scores are far above the state average for English, Math, and Science surpassing the 50% state average proficiency for the three subjects. This suggests that most of the students are performing at or above grade level with at least an 85% proficiency in each of the three subjects. It was also ranked #4 by *Niche* as a Standout Elementary School in Florida.

Featured as one of the top 10 charter schools in the State of Florida, Mater Academy East is also a two-time winner of the Title I Distinguished Schools Award and three-time award winner of the MDCPS Superintendent's Platinum Award. The school's facilities have also been recognized nationally for exceptional design in *American School and University* Magazine, where a picture of the school appeared on the cover.

As a member of the Mater Academy network of high quality charter schools, Mater Academy East is fully accredited by Cognia (formerly 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 \$545,777. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$507,656. 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, 2020 amounts to \$203,087 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes building and improvements and furniture and equipment. 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 Funds					
	Original Budget		Final Budget			Actual
REVENUES						
Program Revenues						
Capital grants and contributions	\$	325,000	\$	289,000	\$	288,281
Federal sources		468,200		447,000		444,127
Charges for services and other revenue		-		7,028		6,959
General Revenues						
FTE and other nonspecific revenues		3,898,650		3,851,870		3,852,292
Charges and other revenues	40,054			17,028		19,987
Total Revenues	\$	4,731,904	\$	4,611,926	\$	4,611,646
CURRENT EXPENDITURES						
Governmental Activities						
Instruction	\$	2,662,911	\$	2,701,055	\$	2,687,800
Student support services		102,889		56,542		50,637
Instructional staff training		46,688		7,000		6,932
Board		37,130		37,385		32,677
School administration		623,626		718,267		717,870
Fiscal services		100,000		74,775		74,775
Food services		185,049		173,000		172,426
Central services		128,750		125,775		125,705
Operation of plant		971,650		1,069,710		1,064,821
Maintenance of plant		266,000		273,723		259,896
Administrative technology services		23,639		31,000		30,651
Total Current Expenditures	\$	5,148,332	\$	5,268,232	\$	5,224,190

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, 2020

Assets	Primary Government Governmental Activities	
Current assets: Cash Investments Prepaid expenses and other assets Due from other agencies	\$	324,425 460,000 38,121 41,930 864,476
Due from other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc. Capital assets, depreciable Less: accumulated depreciation		2,250,000 1,521,924 (1,318,837) 203,087
Total Assets <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> Liabilities		3,317,563
Current liabilities: Salaries and wages payable Accounts payable Total Liabilities Deferred Inflows of Resources		193,625 <u>48,345</u> 241,970 -
Net Position Net investment in capital assets and long term receivables Restricted Unrestricted Total Net Position	\$	2,453,087 76,729 545,777 3,075,593

## Statement of Activities For the year ended June 30, 2020

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Primary Government	Expenses	Charges for Services		Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 2,801,523	\$ -	\$ 272,005	\$ -	\$ (2,529,518)
Student support services	50,637	-	-	-	(50,637)
Instructional staff training	6,932	-	-	-	(6,932)
Board	32,677	-	-	-	(32,677)
School administration	717,870	-	3,000	-	(714,870)
Facilities acquisition	1,511	-	-	-	(1,511)
Fiscal services	74,775	-	-	-	(74,775)
Food services	178,632	6,959	169,122	-	(2,551)
Central services	125,705	-	-	-	(125,705)
Operation of plant	1,064,821	-	-	288,281	(776,540)
Maintenance of plant	275,842	-	-	-	(275,842)
Administrative technology service	30,651		-	-	(30,651)
Total governmental activities	5,361,576	6,959	444,127	288,281	(4,622,209)

3,852,292
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(749,930)
3,825,523
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# Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2020

	Ger	General Fund		General Fund		Special Revenue Fund		Revenue		Revenue		Capital rojects on-major Fund)	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Assets														
Cash	\$	247,696	\$	76,729	\$	-	\$	324,425						
Investments		460,000		-		-		460,000						
Due from other agencies		15,060		13,388		13,482		41,930						
Due from fund		26,870		-		-		26,870						
Prepaid expenses and other assets		38,121		-		-		38,121						
Total Assets		787,747		90,117		13,482		891,346						
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		-		-		-		-						
<u>Liabilities</u>														
Salaries and wages payable		193,625		-		-		193,625						
Accounts payable		48,345		-		-		48,345						
Due to fund		-		13,388		13,482		26,870						
Total Liabilities		241,970		13,388		13,482		268,840						
Deferred Inflows of Resources				_				-						
Fund balance														
Nonspendable, not in spendable form		38,121		-		-		38,121						
Restricted		-		76,729		-		76,729						
Unassigned	_	507,656	_	-	_	-	_	507,656						
		545,777		76,729		-		622,506						
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of														
Resources and Fund Balance	\$	787,747	\$	90,117	\$	13,482	\$	891,346						

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 622,506
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets of \$1,521,924 net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,318,837 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.	203,087
Long term receivables in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	 2,250,000
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ 3,075,593

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the year ended June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Special	Capital	Total
		Revenue	Projects (Non-major	Governmental
		Fund	Fund)	Funds
Revenues:				
State capital outlay funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 288,281	\$ 288,281
State passed through local	3,852,292	-	-	3,852,292
Federal sources	-	444,127	-	444,127
Charges for services and other revenue	19,987	6,959		26,946
Total Revenues	3,872,279	451,086	288,281	4,611,646
Expenditures:				
Current				
Instruction	2,415,795	272,005	-	2,687,800
Student support services	50,637	-	-	50,637
Instructional staff training	6,932	-	-	6,932
Board	32,677	-	-	32,677
School administration	714,870	3,000	-	717,870
Fiscal services	74,775	-	-	74,775
Food services	-	172,426	-	172,426
Central services	125,705	-	-	125,705
Operation of plant	776,540	-	288,281	1,064,821
Maintenance of plant	259,896	-	-	259,896
Administrative technology services	30,651	-	-	30,651
Capital Outlay:	,			· ·
Other capital outlay	2,399	-	-	2,399
Total Expenditures	4,490,877	447,431	288,281	5,226,589
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(618,598)	3,655	-	(614,943)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in (out)				
Net change in fund balance	(618,598)	3,655	-	(614,943)
Fund Balance at beginning of year	1,164,375	73,074		1,237,449
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 545,777	\$ 76,729	\$ -	\$ 622,506

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, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

\$ (614,943)

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 \$2,399 exceeded depreciation expense of \$137,386

(134,987)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (749,930)

Statement of Net Position - Fiduciary Funds June 30, 2020

<u>Assets</u>	Agency Fund School's Internal Fund		
Cash	\$	10,736	
Total Assets		10,736	
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Liabilities			
Due to students and clubs		10,736	
Total Liabilities		10,736	
Deferred Inflows of Resources		-	
Net Position	\$		

### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Reporting Entity

Mater Academy East Charter School (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 unit 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, 2027 and it can be renewed in accordance with the 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, Florida for students from kindergarten through fifth grade. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2020, when on average 498 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. Accordingly, the basic financial statements include both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

## 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 also 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. In addition, revenues not classified as program revenues are shown as general revenues, which include Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues and other miscellaneous sources.

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

### Fund Financial Statements

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

*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.

*Special Revenue Fund* - accounts for specific revenue, such as the federal lunch program and other grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

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*.

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.

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

"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.

Fiduciary Funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and 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.

### 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.

## Cash 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.

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

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 a cost of \$1,000 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 sold or disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in the governmentwide statements. Proceeds received from the sale or disposal of capital assets are recorded as Other Financing Sources in the governmental funds.

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Building and improvements	5-20 Years
Furniture and equipment	5 Years

## **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. Employees "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 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.

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

## Compensated Absences (continued)

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 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.

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 may receive 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.

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

## 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.
- b) <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 and long term receivables"

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a specific purpose, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first, until exhausted, before using unrestricted resources.

## 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 listed 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. Restricted fund balance at year end pertains to the School's National School Lunch Program.
- 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. There are no assigned fund balances at year end.
- e) <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.

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

Committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

### Prepaid Expenses

Other assets consist mainly of prepaid expenses which are payments for goods or services that have not been consumed or used at year end. The expenditure will be recorded when the asset is used. Accordingly, prepaid expenses are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance classification.

### 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 14, 2020, 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 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.

## Note 2 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

### **Deposits**

The School maintains its cash and cash equivalents in two financial institutions. As of June 30, 2020, the School's deposits consisted of cash balances of \$324,238.

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, 2020, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage was approximately \$335,304; including fiduciary account bank balances.

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

## Investments

The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established 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, 2020, the School has the following recurring fair value measurements:

• Government money market mutual fund of \$620,000 (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 June 30, 2020, maturities of the fund's portfolio holdings are approximately 63% 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. 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, 2020, 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, 2020:

	Balance			Balance	
	07/01/19	Additions	Retirement	06/30/20	
Capital Assets:					
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 539,077	\$-	\$ (50,789)	\$ 488,288	
Computer equipment and software	661,043	-	(236,487)	424,556	
Furniture and equipment	929,636	2,399	(322,955)	609,080	
Total Capital Assets	2,129,756	2,399	(610,231)	1,521,924	
Less Accumulated Depreciation:					
Buildings and Improvements	(447,754)	(17,457)	50,789	(414,422)	
Computer equipment and software	(471,210)	(71,243)	236,487	(305,966)	
Furniture and equipment	(872,718)	(48,686)	322,955	(598,449)	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,791,682)	(137,386)	610,231	(1,318,837)	
Capital Assets, net	\$ 338,074	\$ (134,987)	\$-	\$ 203,087	

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, depreciation expense is allocated in the Statement of Activities by function as follows:

Instruction	\$ 113,723
Food services	6,206
Facilities acquisition	1,511
Maintenance of plant	 15,946
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 137,386

### Note 4 – Education Service and Support Provider

Academica Dade, LLC, an educational service and support provider, provides 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, 2020, the School incurred \$224,325 in fees related to this agreement. 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. charged all of its affiliated schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. The School paid Mater Academy, Inc. approximately \$74,775 in connection with these charges during the year.

The School has made long-term, non-interest bearing advances to other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc. The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term receivables for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance					Balance
	07/01/19	Advances		Repayments		06/30/20
Mater Academy, Inc Corporate account	2,250,000	\$	-	\$	-	2,250,000
Total Long Term Receivables	\$ 2,250,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 2,250,000

## **Note 6 – Interfund Balances**

Interfund balances in governmental funds as of June 30, 2020 consist of the following:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund (non major)	
Due to General Fund from Capital Projects Fund for Capital Outlay	\$ 13,482	\$ -	\$ (13,482)	
Due to General Fund from Special Revenue Fund for Title IV	13,388	(13,388)	-	
Total Due from/(Due to) Funds	\$ 26,870	\$ (13,388)	\$ (13,482)	

#### Note 7 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations

Mater Academy, Inc. entered into a lease and security agreement with School Development East, LLC for the School's 17,500 square foot building including all ancillary facilities, outdoor areas and other improvements. The landlord is an affiliate of the School's educational services provider (see Note 4). Annual payments under this agreement are adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance. The agreement continues through June 30, 2035 with an option to renew for two additional five-year terms.

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

For 2020, rent expense totaled to \$580,651. Current future minimum payments under the lease agreement are as follows:

Year		
2021	\$ 581,336	
2022	\$ 581,336	
2023	\$ 581,336	
2024	\$ 581,336	
2025	\$ 581,336	
2026-2030	\$ 2,906,680	(total for five-year period)
2031-2035	\$ 2,906,680	(total for five-year period)

### 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.

## Note 7 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations (continued)

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 2% (for high performing schools) of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2020, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$37,371.

On January 21, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) confirmed the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. Pursuant to local emergency orders, the School converted to distance learning on March 13, 2020 for the remainder of the school year. As a result of these extraordinary circumstances, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill, was passed by the 116th U.S. Congress and signed into law in March 2020.

The ongoing spread of the new COVID-19 has become a threat to the global economy and financial markets. As a result of the pandemic, the school will begin the 2020-2021 school year under distance learning. The ultimate effect of Covid-19 on the School and its future operations cannot presently be determined.

## Note 8 – 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.

The School has entered into a strategic relationship with ADP TotalSource, Inc., a human resource management firm, typically known as "Professional Employer Organization" (PEO). Under a co-employment agreements, the PEO is the employer of record and is responsible for administering payroll, payroll taxes, provide employee benefits and assist with human resources and risk management. Accordingly, certain human resource related risks are transferred to the PEO. Nevertheless, the School may be subject to risks, including loss, penalties and fines related to employment practices, administrative error and omissions.

## Note 9 – 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 \$44,152 for the year ended June 30, 2020. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plans' assets, which are administered by Voya Financial.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended June 30, 2020

Tor the year ended Julie 50, 2020	General Fund					
	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual	
REVENUES		_				
State passed through local	\$	3,898,650	\$	3,851,870	\$	3,852,292
Charges and other revenue		40,054		17,028		19,987
Total Revenues		3,938,704		3,868,898		3,872,279
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Instruction		2,378,011		2,426,055		2,415,795
Student support services		102,889		56,542		50,637
Instructional Staff Training		46,688		7,000		6,932
Board		37,130		37,385		32,677
School Administration		623,626		715,267		714,870
Fiscal Services		100,000		74,775		74,775
Food Services		1,749		-		-
Central Services		128,750		125,775		125,705
Operation of Plant		646,650		780,710		776,540
Maintenance of Plant		266,000		273,723		259,896
Administrative technology services		23,639		31,000		30,651
Total Current Expenditures		4,355,132		4,528,232		4,488,478
Excess (deficit) of Revenues						
Over Current Expenditures		(416,428)		(659,334)		(616,199)
Capital Outlay		-		3,000		2,399
Total Expenditures	,	4,355,132		4,531,232		4,490,877
Excess (deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures		(416,428)		(662,334)		(618,598)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Transfers in (out)						
Net change in fund balance		(416,428)		(662,334)		(618,598)
Fund Balance at beginning of year		1,164,375		1,164,375		1,164,375
Fund Balance at end of year	\$	747,947	\$	502,041	\$	545,777

#### 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.

### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended June 30, 2020

		S	Special	Revenue Fun	d	
	Original Budget			al Budget	Actual	
REVENUES						
Federal sources	\$	468,200	\$	447,000	\$	444,127
Charges for services and other revenue		-		7,028		6,959
Total Revenues		468,200		454,028		451,086
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Instruction		284,900		275,000		272,005
School administration		-		3,000		3,000
Food services		183,300		173,000		172,426
Total Current Expenditures		468,200		451,000		447,431
Excess of Revenues						
Over Current Expenditures		-		3,028		3,655
Capital Outlay						-
Total Expenditures		468,200		451,000		447,431
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		-		3,028		3,655
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers in (out)		-				-
Net change in fund balance		-		3,028		3,655
Fund Balance at beginning of year		73,074		73,074		73,074
Fund Balance at end of year	\$	73,074	\$	76,102	\$	76,729

#### 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*

Board of Directors of Mater Academy East Charter School Miami, 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 East Charter School (the "School"), as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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 14, 2020.

### 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 14, 2020 of 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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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida September 14, 2020



## MANAGEMENT LETTER

Board of Directors of Mater Academy East Charter School Miami, Florida

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

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Academy East Charter School as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated September 14, 2020.

### 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 Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on 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 14, 2020, 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.

See section below for current status of 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 and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity is: Mater Academy East Charter School (W/L# 3100)

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### **Financial Condition and Management**

Section 10.854(1)(e)2 and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not Mater Academy East Charter School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Mater Academy East Charter School 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 Academy East Charter School. It is management's responsibility to monitor Mater Academy East Charter School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendation to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have such recommendations.

## Transparency

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

### **Additional Matters**

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate 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 warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

### **Status of Prior Year Recommendations:**

## ML – 19-01 CAPITAL ASSETS

- Criteria: The School is required to maintain an inventory of capital assets purchased with public funds in accordance with local, state or federal regulations
- Condition: We noted that even through this inventory is maintained, the School does not have a formal process for reconciling the capital assets inventory report to the capital assets of the Schools trial balance.

- Cause: The condition results from school personnel not consistently performing an inventory of all fixed assets and reconciling to the Schools trial balance.
   Effect: Failure to perform the procedures mentioned above could result in a misstated Annual Property Inventory
   Recommendation: We recommend that the School perform an annual inventory of all capital assets and reconcile to the capital asset ledgers recorded on the School's
- books.Status:The School has adopted revised financial policies and procedures
- Status: The School has adopted revised financial policies and procedures regarding capital assets to include a formal process of reconciling the capital asset inventory report to the School's trial balance.

### **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.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida September 14, 2020