

# Mater Academy Lakes High School WL# 7018

(A Charter School under Mater Academy, Inc.)

Miami, Florida

Financial Statements And Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2020

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2019-2020

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Mater Academy Lakes High 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 Lakes High 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 Lakes High 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 Lakes High 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.

#### 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.

#### 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 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 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.

Coral Gables, Florida September 14, 2020 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Mater Academy Lakes High School (A charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.) June 30, 2020

The corporate officers of Mater Academy Lakes High School have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the 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 \$7,212,201.
- 2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$4,396,457.
- 3. The net position of the School decreased by \$486,729 during the year.
- 4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$3,496,838.

#### **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 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 major governmental funds. 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 - 29 of this report.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$7,212,201 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	\$ 690,446	\$ 809,772
Investments	3,500,000	3,170,000
Due from Mater Academy Lakes Middle School, net	-	271,206
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	88,546	138,903
Due from other agencies	117,465	116,547
Due from Mater Academy, Inc., long term	1,450,000	1,450,364
Capital Assets, net	2,176,817	2,240,738
Total Assets	8,023,274	8,197,530
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Salaries and wages payable	373,046	341,029
Accounts payable	376,977	157,571
Due to other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.	61,050	
Total Liabilities	811,073	498,600
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets and long term receivable	3,626,817	3,691,102
Unrestricted	3,585,384	4,007,828
Total Net Position	\$ 7,212,201	\$ 7,698,930
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At the end of the fiscal year, the School can report continued positive balances in net position.

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

	2020	2019
REVENUES		
Program Revenues		
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 179,157	\$ 235,221
Capital Outlay Funding	772,770	910,301
Federal Lunch Program	324,988	440,440
General Revenues		
Local Sources (FTE and other non specific)	8,441,576	7,958,410
Other Revenues	70,653	90,228
Total Revenues	\$ 9,789,144	\$ 9,634,600
EXPENSES		
Instruction	\$ 5,323,333	\$ 4,425,954
Student support services	85,799	103,681
Instructional staff training	14,083	19,050
Board	75,351	79,568
General administration	41,344	-
School administration	991,379	1,049,970
Facilities acquisition and construction	83,750	83,750
Fiscal services	183,150	190,620
Food services	399,833	488,582
Central services	212,889	223,602
Operation of plant	2,708,001	2,818,738
Maintenance of plant	125,936	140,702
Administrative technology services	31,025	40,957
Community services		44,852
Total Expenses	10,275,873	9,710,026
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	(486,729)	(75,426)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	7,698,930	7,774,356
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 7,212,201	\$ 7,698,930

The School's revenues and expenses increased by \$154,544 and \$565,847, respectively as a result of increase in student enrollment. The School had an decrease in its net position of \$486,729 for the year.

#### **Accomplishments**

In 2020, Mater Academy Lakes High School completed its 14<sup>th</sup> year of operation, serving over 1,212 students in grades 9-12. 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 made significant learning gains. Mater Lakes High School has also been recognized by several national organizations including U.S. News and World Report's ranking of "Best High Schools." Mater Lakes now ranks as a STEM designated school by M-DCPS, as they offer a wide variety of STEM programs and courses.

Mater Academy Lakes High School students accomplished numerous remarkable achievements, including but not limited to:

• 39 Seniors graduated with their Associate in Arts Degree from Miami-Dade College; they

- also wore a gold cord to signify graduating with MDC's highest honors.
- A Mater Academy Lakes High school senior was one of the only two high school seniors from Miami-Dade County that was chosen out of a group of 161 students nationwide as the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts.
- Mater Lakes Wrestling Program made history at the FHSAA State Tournament, winning
  4<sup>th</sup> place team finish. Two Mater Academy Lakes High school students won their weight
  class championship matches for the first time in the history of the wrestling program. Both
  students received recognition for making it into All Dade.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) ranked gold at the Florida Association of Student Councils which hosts a state level convention every year in which schools from different districts get the chance to build upon student leadership, school activities, networking, and project competitions.
- The Boys Basketball Team won their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive District Championship.
- The Boys Varsity Soccer Team won their first District Championship.
- Students at MLA received Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training.
- Four High School students from the Swimming and Golf team made it to All Dade ranking.

As part of the Mater Academy network of high-quality charter schools, Mater Academy Lakes High School 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.

#### **Govennmental 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 \$3,585,838. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$3,496,838. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations.

## Continuous Capital Improvements & Lease of Facility

The School leases a facility located at 17300 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Ave, Miami, FL 33015The School is currently in the permitting process for construction contracts in connection with building improvements of its leased facilities.

## **Capital Assets**

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2020 amounts to \$2,176,817 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes building and improvements and furniture, equipment, and textbooks. As of June 30, 2020, the School had no long term payable related to leasehold improvements.

## **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	\$ 682,000	\$ 783,185	\$ 772,770	
Federal sources	201,000	170,250	179,157	
Lunch program	365,200	322,400	324,988	
General Revenues				
FTE and other nonspecific revenues	8,205,943	8,441,385	8,441,576	
Charges and other revenues	357,564	234,627	70,653	
Total Revenues	\$ 9,811,707	\$ 9,951,847	\$ 9,789,144	
CURRENT EXPENDITURES				
Instruction	\$ 4,519,146	\$ 5,168,890	\$ 5,143,364	
Student support services	203,311	107,242	85,799	
Instructional staff training	15,500	15,500	14,083	
Board	78,000	79,050	75,351	
General administration	84,504	41,338	41,344	
School administration	918,371	1,030,280	985,390	
Fiscal services	245,000	183,150	183,150	
Food services	366,800	391,800	390,887	
Central services	204,000	213,550	212,889	
Operation of plant	2,770,773	2,647,451	2,615,473	
Maintenance of plant	138,000	119,886	111,314	
Administrative technology services	36,050	31,319	29,440	
Total Current Expenditures	\$ 9,579,455	\$10,029,456	\$ 9,888,484	

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.

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

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

<u>Assets</u>	Primary Government Governmental Activities	
Current assets: Cash Investments Prepaid expenses and other current assets Due from other agencies Total Current Assets	\$ 690,446 3,500,000 88,546 117,465 4,396,457	
Capital assets, non-depreciable Capital assets, depreciable Less: accumulated depreciation	339,919 4,315,475 (2,478,577) 2,176,817	
Due from Mater Academy, Inc.  Total Assets	1,450,000 8,023,274	
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u> <u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities: Salaries and wages payable Accounts payable Due to other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc. Total Liabilities	373,046 376,977 61,050 811,073	
Deferred Inflows of Resources  Not Resition		
Net Position  Net investment in capital assets and long term receivable  Unrestricted  Total Net Position	3,626,817 3,585,384 \$ 7,212,201	

Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2020

# **Program Revenues**

		1 rogram Revenues			
Prinmary Government		Charges for		Capital Grants and	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes
FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	in Net Position
Governmental activities:	Ф. 7. 202. 222	Φ 24 221	Ф. 170.157	¢.	Φ (5.110.055)
Instruction	\$ 5,323,333	\$ 24,321	\$ 179,157	\$ -	\$ (5,119,855)
Student support services	85,799	-	-	-	(85,799)
Instructional staff training	14,083	-	-	-	(14,083)
Board	75,351	-	-	-	(75,351)
General administration	41,344	=	-	-	(41,344)
School administration	991,379	-	-	-	(991,379)
Facilities acquisition and construction	83,750	-	-	-	(83,750)
Fiscal services	183,150	-	-	-	(183,150)
Food services	399,833	32,424	292,564	-	(74,845)
Central services	212,889	-	-	-	(212,889)
Operation of plant	2,708,001	-	-	772,770	(1,935,231)
Maintenance of plant	125,936	-	-	-	(125,936)
Administrative technology services	31,025	-		- 	(31,025)
Total governmental activities	10,275,873	56,745	471,721	772,770	(8,974,637)
	General rever		revenues		8,441,576
	Investment ear	-	evendes		46,136
	Other revenue	_			196
	Outer revenue	.s			170
	Change in net	position			(486,729)
	Net position,	beginning			7,698,930
	Net position,	ending			\$ 7,212,201

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2020

	General Fund	Non Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash	\$ 690,446	\$ -	\$ 690,446
Investments	3,500,000	-	3,500,000
Due from other agencies	36,900	80,565	117,465
Due from fund	80,565	-	80,565
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	88,546		88,546
Total Assets	4,396,457	80,565	4,477,022
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		<u>-</u>	
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Salaries and wages payable	373,046	-	373,046
Accounts payable	376,977	-	376,977
Due to other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.	61,050	-	61,050
Due to fund		80,565	80,565
Total Liabilities	811,073	80,565	891,638
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		<u>-</u>	
Fund balance			
Nonspendable, not in spendable form	88,546	-	88,546
Unassigned	3,496,838	-	3,496,838
	3,585,384	-	3,585,384
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of	-		
Resources and Fund Balance	\$ 4,396,457	\$ 80,565	\$ 4,477,022

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

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

\$ 3,585,384

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

Capital assets of \$4,315,475 net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,478,577 and non-depreciable capital assets of \$339,919 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.

2,176,817

Long term receivables in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

1,450,000

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities

\$ 7,212,201

		Non Major	Total
	General Fund	Governmental	Governmental
		Funds	Funds
Revenues:			
State capital outlay funding	\$ -	\$ 772,770	\$ 772,770
State passed through local	8,441,576	-	8,441,576
Federal sources	-	179,157	179,157
Lunch program	-	324,988	324,988
Other revenues and charges for services	70,653	-	70,653
Total Revenues	8,512,229	1,276,915	9,789,144
Expenditures:			
Current			
Instruction	5,001,006	142,358	5,143,364
Student support services	53,060	32,739	85,799
Board	75,351	_	75,351
Instructional staff training	14,083	_	14,083
General administration	41,344	_	41,344
School administration	981,330	4,060	985,390
Fiscal services	183,150	_	183,150
Food services	-	390,887	390,887
Central services	212,889	_	212,889
Operation of plant	1,842,703	772,770	2,615,473
Maintenance of plant	111,314	_	111,314
Administrative technology services	29,440	_	29,440
Capital Outlay:			,
Other capital outlay	323,468	_	323,468
Total Expenditures	8,869,138	1,342,814	10,211,952
•			
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(356,909)	(65,899)	(422,808)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)	(59,745)	59,745	<del>-</del>
Changes in long term receivables	364		364
Net change in fund balance	(416,290)	(6,154)	(422,444)
Fund Balance at beginning of year	4,001,674	6,154	4,007,828
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 3,585,384	\$ -	\$ 3,585,384

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

\$ (422,444)

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 net capital outlays of \$323,468 differed from depreciation expense of \$387,389.

(63,921)

Increase in long term receivables is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but a decrease or collections of such receivables reduces long-term assets in the statement of net position. This is the amount by which collections of long-term receivables of \$364 differed from increases of \$-0- in the current period.

(364)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ (486,729)

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Statement of Net Position - Fiduciary Funds} \\ \text{June 30, 2020} \end{array}$ 

<u>Assets</u>	Agency Fund School's Internal Fund	
Cash Total Assets	\$ 191,328 191,328	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to students and clubs  Total Liabilities	191,328 191,328	
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Net Position	\$ -	

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

# **Reporting Entity**

Mater Academy Lakes High School (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 is located in Miami, Florida serving children from ninth through twelfth grades and is funded by the District. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2020, when on average 1,221 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. Accordingly, the basic financial statements include both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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

#### 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 outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, equity, revenues and expenditures. The School reports the following major governmental funds with all non-major funds aggregated in a single column:

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

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

Agency Fund – 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.

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

## 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. 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.

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.

Fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

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

## **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

#### Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

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

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

#### **Inter-fund Transfers**

Interfund receivables/payables 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 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 \$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 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	10-20 Years
Furniture and Equipment	3-5 Years
Textbooks and Software	3 Years

## **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.

#### 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 reports 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.

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

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.

## 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 and long term receivables- 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 do 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.

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

#### 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 and prepaid expenses.
- 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.
- 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. Assigned fund balances are related to the lunch program.
- 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.

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.

## Long –Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued as other financing sources.

## **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.

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

# **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, the 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 three financial institutions. As of June 30, 2020, the School's deposits consisted of cash balances of \$678,837.

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 \$889,416; 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, 2020, the School has the following recurring fair value measurements:

• Government money market mutual fund of \$3,570,000 valued using Level 2 inputs.

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

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, the fund's annual report, 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 07/01/19	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Balance 06/30/20
Capital Assets, non depreciable:				
Construction in progress	\$ 93,566	\$ 246,353	\$ -	\$ 339,919
	\$ 93,566	\$ 246,353	\$ -	\$ 339,919
Capital Assets, depreciable:				
Buildings and Improvements	2,704,886	32,593	-	2,737,479
Computer equipment and software	509,356	1,050	(235,966)	274,440
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	2,568,329	43,472	(1,326,245)	1,285,556
Motor Vehicles	18,000	-	-	18,000
Total Capital Assets	5,894,137	323,468	(1,562,211)	4,655,394
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	(1,100,652)	(133,630)	-	(1,234,282)
Computer equipment and software	(415,697)	(46,086)	235,966	(225,817)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	(2,133,750)	(204,073)	1,326,245	(1,011,578)
Motor Vehicles	(3,300)	(3,600)	-	(6,900)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(3,653,399)	(387,389)	1,562,211	(2,478,577)
Capital Assets, net	\$ 2,240,738	\$ (63,921)	\$ -	\$ 2,176,817

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

Instruction	\$ 179,969
School administration	5,989
Facilities acquisition	83,750
Food services	8,946
Operation of plant	92,528
Maintenance of plant	14,622
Administrative technology	 1,585
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 387,389

## **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, 2020, the School paid approximately \$549,450 in fees.

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

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

The School's facility is shared with Mater Academy Lakes Middle School (charter schools under Mater Academy, Inc.). 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 of facilities and staff. In addition, the School's student activities account includes the accounts of Mater Lakes Middle School. As of June 30, 2020, the School had a net due from Mater Lakes Middle School of \$61,050 related to these allocations. In addition, during the year the School received approximately \$1,637,000 in shared expenses from Mater Lakes Middle School.

Mater Academy, Inc. charged all its affiliated schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. Mater Academy Lakes High School paid Mater Academy, Inc. \$244,200 in connection with these charges during the year.

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

	Balance					Balance	
	07/01/19	Additions		Additions Deletions		06/30/20	
Due from Mater Academy, Inc.	\$1,450,364	\$		\$	364	\$1,450,000	
Total	\$1,450,364	\$	-	\$	364	\$1,450,000	

Finally, the School paid \$66,920 to Mater Virtual Academy, for educational products and administrative and technology services.

## Note 6 – Commitments, Contingencies and Concentrations

On October 9, 2009, the School entered into a lease and security agreement, as amended, with Galloway Lake, LLC. The agreement is based on 55,731 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 Academy Lakes Middle School (a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.).

Initial fixed annual payments under this agreement were approximately \$1,444,218 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, the School must meet certain covenants and requirements, including a "Lease Payment Coverage Ratio" of not less than 1.10 to 1.00.

On March 22, 2013, Mater Academy, Inc. entered into phase III of the lease with Galloway Lake II, LLC as landlord. This lease is for a new building facility totaling 42,209 square feet and is shared by Mater Lakes Middle school and Mater Lakes High School. Initial fixed rent under this agreement shall be approximately \$995,621. The initial fixed rent shall be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance.

Lease payments are allocated between the two schools based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used for 2020, was approximately 58% for Mater Academy Lakes High School and 42% for Mater Academy Lakes Middle School.

For the year ended June 30, 2020 rent expense totaled \$1,507,957.

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

Year		
2021	\$ 2,601,000	
2022	2,601,000	
2023	2,601,000	
2024	2,601,000	
2025	2,601,000	
2026-2030	13,005,000	(Total for five year period)
2031-2035	13,005,000	(Total for five year period)

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

#### 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. It is the opinion of management that the amount of revenue, if any, which may be remitted back to the state due to errors in the FTE student data or the amount of grant expenditures which may be disallowed by grantor agencies would not be material to the financial position of the School.

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 5% of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2020, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$41,344.

The ongoing spread of the new COVID-19 had 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 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.

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 agreement, 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 8 - Interfund Transfers and Balances**

Interfund transfers as of June 30, 2020 consists of the following:

		Speci	ial	Cap	ital
	General	Revenue		Projects	
	Fund	Fund (	non	Fund	(non-
		major)		major)	
To fund lunch deficit	\$ 59,745	\$	-	\$	
Total Transfers, net	\$ 59,745	\$		\$	

Due from/(Due to) fund balances are as follows:

	Special	Capital
General	Revenue	Projects
Fund	Fund (non	Fund (non-
	major)	major)
\$ 47,826	\$ -	\$ (47,826)
32,739	(32,739)	
\$ 80,565	\$ (32,739)	\$ (47,826)
	Fund \$ 47,826 32,739	General Revenue Fund Fund (non major)  \$ 47,826 \$ - 32,739 (32,739)

#### **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 \$83,538 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.



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

	General Fund						
	Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		
REVENUES		_					
State passed through local	\$	8,205,943	\$	8,441,385	\$	8,441,576	
Other revenues		357,564		234,627		70,653	
Total Revenues		8,563,507		8,676,012		8,512,229	
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Instruction		4,310,746		5,014,270		5,001,006	
Student support services		158,600		73,531		53,060	
Instructional Staff Training		15,500		15,500		14,083	
Board		78,000		79,050		75,351	
General Administration		84,504		41,338		41,344	
School Administration		912,871		1,024,780		981,330	
Fiscal Services		245,000		183,150		183,150	
Food Services				-			
Central Services		204,000		213,550		212,889	
Operation of Plant		2,088,773		1,864,266		1,842,703	
Maintenance of Plant		138,000		119,886		111,314	
Administrative technology services		36,050		31,319		29,440	
Total Current Expenditures		8,272,044	<u> </u>	8,660,640		8,545,670	
Excess of Revenues			_				
Over Current Expenditures		291,463		15,372		(33,441)	
Capital Outlay		323,468		323,468		323,468	
Total Expenditures		8,595,512		8,984,108		8,869,138	
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures		(32,005)		(308,096)		(356,909)	
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers in (out)		(59,211)		(92,981)		(59,745)	
Changes in long term receivables		400		400		364	
Net change in fund balance		(90,816)		(400,677)		(416,290)	
Fund Balance at beginning of year		4,001,674		4,001,674		4,001,674	
Fund Balance at end of year	\$	3,910,858	\$	3,600,997	\$	3,585,384	

## 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

To the Board of Directors of Mater Academy Lakes High School Miami, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Academy Lakes High 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 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.

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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 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.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

All Grain, UP

Coral Gables, Florida September 14, 2020



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of Mater Academy Lakes High School Miami, Florida

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Academy Lakes High 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 Lakes High School, 7018.

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## **Financial Condition and Management**

Sections 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 Lakes High School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Mater Academy Lakes High 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 Lakes High School. It is management's responsibility to monitor Mater Academy Lakes High School 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 had the following recommendations:

## ML – 20-01 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: Condition: We noted in several of the deposits tested that the amount

summarized in the recap sheets did not agree to the amount deposited in

the internal account.

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.

Recom-

mendation: We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and

procedures relating to the internal account so that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed, and reconciled to the amount

deposited in the bank account.

Views of Responsible

officials: See attached management response.

#### **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 Lakes High 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 Lakes High 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 which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

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

## ML – 19-01 Capital Assets

**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 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 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.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Coral Gables, Florida September 14, 2020

#### MATER ACADEMY LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

September 10th, 2020

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RE: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The following is the response by the School's Administrator to your recommendations:

#### ML - 20-01 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 Response**

Management will adhere to the auditor's recommendation. Continuous oversight of deposits will be performed by the Principal, ensuring that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed and reconciled to the amount deposited in the appropriate bank account. The school has a new Treasurer that has received training in order to ensure compliance with these policies and procedures.

Sincerely,

Rene Rovirosa

Principal, Mater Academy Lakes High School

Roberto Blanch

President, Mater Academy, Inc.