

MATER ACADEMY GARDENS  
(A charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.)

Hialeah, Florida

Financial Statements And  
Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
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Hialeah, Florida

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Mater Academy Gardens (the "School"), a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc., which is a component unit of the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprises the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These basic financial statements are the responsibility of the School's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Mater Academy Gardens at June 30, 2008, 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.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Mater Academy Gardens, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 27, 2008, 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 8 and 23 through 24, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

*Gravin & Associates, LLP*

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Coral Gables, Florida  
August 27, 2008

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
Mater Academy Gardens  
(A Charter school Under Mater Academy, Inc.)  
June 30, 2008

The corporate officers of Mater Academy Gardens have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the school's financial activities for the period ended June 30, 2008.

**Financial Highlights**

1. The assets of the School exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2008 by \$323,393 (net assets).
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$441,004.
3. The net assets of the School increased by \$184,121 during the year.

**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, 2008 are presented under GASB 34. 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 Assets* presents information on all of the School's assets and liabilities. The difference between the two is reported as *net assets*. Over time increases or decreases in net assets 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 assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net assets 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. *Government Funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Government Fund financial statements, however, focus on *near-term* inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on the balances of spendable resources which are available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be used to evaluate a government's requirements for near-term financing.

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

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 11 - 14 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 15-22 of this report.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net assets 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 \$323,393 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2008 follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cash	\$ 271,390	\$ 179,816
Due from other charter schools	-	177,425
Due from other government agencies	141,042	202,285
Other current assets	37,045	23,197
Capital Assets	319,061	74,377
Total Assets	<u>\$ 768,538</u>	<u>\$ 657,100</u>
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	318,064	461,218
Deferred revenue	52,081	
Due to other charter schools	75,000	56,610
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 445,145</u>	<u>\$ 517,828</u>
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 319,061	\$ 74,377
Restricted	-	14,615
Unrestricted	4,332	50,280
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 323,393</u>	<u>\$ 139,272</u>

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

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 follows.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Program Revenues		
Capital Outlay	\$ 219,007	\$ 225,754
Federal Sources	103,259	150,405
Charges for Services	266,915	88,899
General Revenues		
FTE Nonspecific Revenues	2,271,579	1,897,645
Other Revenues	<u>111,477</u>	<u>560,383</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,972,237</u>	<u>\$ 2,923,086</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Component Unit Activities:		
Instruction	\$ 1,243,733	\$ 967,350
Instructional Staff Training Services	8,673	2,346
Board	37,950	4,555
School Administration	470,213	219,304
Facilities Acquisition	128	48
Fiscal Services	52,725	138,770
Food Services	226,201	131,935
Central Services	55,411	61,075
Operation of Plant	595,192	1,187,299
Community Services	65,281	-
Maintenance of Plant	<u>32,609</u>	<u>71,132</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,788,116</u>	<u>\$ 2,783,814</u>
Increase in Net Assets	184,121	139,272
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>139,272</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 323,393</u>	<u>\$ 139,272</u>

The School's revenue increased by \$63,876 in the current year, while expenses increased by \$4,305. The most significant increase was an increase in FTE sources, while the School had a reduction in other revenues from usage fees charged to other schools for the use of facilities as well as a reduction in operation of plant. In addition, the school increased its cash by \$106,298. The School had an increase in its net assets of \$323,393 for the year.

#### 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, *unreserved fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental fund reported a fund balance of \$79,332.

## Capital Assets

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2008 amounts to \$319,061 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures and computer equipment.

## 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 funds to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget.

	Governmental Funds		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Program Revenues			
Capital Grants	\$ 200,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 219,007
Charges for Services	100,000	260,000	266,915
Federal Sources	100,000	100,000	103,259
General Revenues			
FTE Nonspecific Revenues	1,796,780	2,073,000	2,271,579
Other Revenues	100,000	100,000	111,477
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,296,780</u>	<u>\$ 2,748,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,972,237</u>
<b>CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	1,000,000	1,210,000	1,208,019
Instructional staff training services	9,000	9,000	8,673
Board	30,000	40,000	37,950
School administration	362,500	475,000	470,213
Fiscal services	50,000	55,000	52,725
Central services	50,000	57,000	55,410
Food services	115,000	137,200	221,779
Community services	-	67,000	65,281
Operation of plant	585,000	585,000	584,180
Maintenance of plant	30,000	32,000	31,507
Total Current Expenditures	<u>\$2,231,500</u>	<u>\$2,667,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,735,737</u>

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

### **Accomplishments**

Mater Gardens Academy completed its second year of operation in 2008. The School earned a letter grade of "A" and ranked among the top 6% of all public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County, based on the points it received under the State of Florida Accountability Program. Mater Gardens scored in the top 10% of all elementary schools in FCAT Science, and ranked 7th among all schools in FCAT Writing. The School also met Adequate Yearly Progress under the No Child Left Behind Act.

In 2008, Mater Gardens students also received notable recognition for their extracurricular activities. Mater Gardens students placed fourth in the K-8 team in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Chess Competition, were named Cheerleading State Champions, and raised over \$4,000 for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation. The School was also named an M-DCPS United Way National Winner.

### **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, 6361 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida, 33143.

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Statement of Net Assets  
June 30, 2008

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**Assets**

Current Assets:

Cash	\$	271,390
Due from other government agencies		141,042
Prepaid expenses		13,848
		<u>426,280</u>

Capital assets, depreciable		392,036
Less accumulated depreciation		(72,975)
		<u>319,061</u>

Deposits		<u>23,197</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>768,538</u></u>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	195,690
Accrued liabilities		122,374
Deferred revenues		52,081
		<u>370,145</u>

Due to other charter schools		<u>75,000</u>
Total Liabilities		445,145

Net Assets:

Invested in capital assets		319,061
Unrestricted		4,332
Total Net Assets		<u>323,393</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	<u><u>768,538</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

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Statement of Activities  
For the year ended June 30, 2008

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 1,243,733	\$ -	\$ 103,259	\$ -	\$ (1,140,474)
Instructional staff training services	8,673	-	-	-	(8,673)
Board	37,950	-	-	-	(37,950)
School administration	470,213	-	-	-	(470,213)
Facilities acquisition and construction	128	-	-	-	(128)
Fiscal services	52,725	-	-	-	(52,725)
Central services	55,411	-	-	-	(55,411)
Food services	226,201	189,632	-	-	(36,569)
Community services	65,281	77,283	-	-	12,002
Maintenance of plant	32,609	-	-	-	(32,609)
Operation of Plant	595,192	-	-	219,007	(376,185)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>2,788,116</b>	<b>266,915</b>	<b>103,259</b>	<b>219,007</b>	<b>(2,198,935)</b>
General revenues:					
FTE nonspecific revenues					2,271,579
Fundraising, net and other revenue					<u>111,477</u>
Change in net assets					184,121
Net assets, beginning					<u>139,272</u>
Net assets, ending					<u>\$ 323,393</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
 June 30, 2008

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total Governmental
		Fund	Funds
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Cash	\$ 271,390	\$ -	\$ 271,390
Due from other government agencies	-	141,042	141,042
Due from other funds	88,961		88,961
Other current assets	37,045	-	37,045
Total Assets	<u>\$ 397,396</u>	<u>\$ 141,042</u>	<u>\$ 538,438</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 195,690	\$ -	\$ 195,690
Accrued liabilities	122,374	-	122,374
Deferred revenues	-	52,081	52,081
Due to other funds	-	88,961	88,961
Total Liabilities	<u>318,064</u>	<u>141,042</u>	<u>459,106</u>
<b><u>Fund balance</u></b>			
Unreserved	79,332	-	79,332
	<u>79,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,332</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 397,396</u>	<u>\$ 141,042</u>	<u>\$ 538,438</u>

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets  
For the year ended June 30, 2008

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Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 79,332

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

Capital assets of \$392,472 net of accumulated depreciation of \$72,975 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund. 319,061

Long term liabilities of \$75,000 used in governmental activities are not a liability for the governmental funds and therefore are not reported in the fund balance sheet (75,000)

Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities \$ 323,393

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds  
For the year ended June 30, 2008

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Local sources	\$ 2,271,579	\$ -	\$ 2,271,579
Capital outlay	-	219,007	219,007
Federal sources	-	103,259	103,259
Lunch fees and other revenue	188,760	189,632	378,392
Total Revenues	<u>2,460,339</u>	<u>511,898</u>	<u>2,972,237</u>
Expenditures:			
Current			
Instruction	1,104,760	103,259	1,208,019
Instructional staff training services	8,673	-	8,673
Board	37,950	-	37,950
School administration	470,213	-	470,213
Fiscal services	52,725	-	52,725
Food services	32,147	189,632	221,779
Central services	55,410	-	55,410
Maintenance of plant	31,507	-	31,507
Operation of Plant	365,173	219,007	584,180
Community services	65,281	-	65,281
Capital outlay:			
Other capital outlay	297,063	-	297,063
Total Expenditures	<u>2,520,902</u>	<u>511,898</u>	<u>3,032,800</u>
Excess (deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(60,563)	-	(60,563)
Other financing sources	75,000	-	75,000
Net change in fund balance	14,437	-	14,437
Fund Balance at beginning of year	64,895	-	64,895
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 79,332</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 79,332</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the year ended June 30, 2008

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Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 14,437

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 \$297,063 differed from depreciation expense of \$52,379. 244,684

The proceeds from debt issuance provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which proceeds of \$75,000 exceeded repayments of \$0 in the current period. (75,000)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 184,121

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement



**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

*Fund Financial Statements*

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. The operations of the funds are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, equity, revenues and expenditures. Major individual governmental funds, namely, the general and special revenue funds are reported as separate columns 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 federal grants, federal lunch programs and capital outlay funding, that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

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) pronouncements. The government-wide financial statements apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails.

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. Revenues from non-exchange transactions are reported according to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 33 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-Exchange Transactions, as amended by GASB Statement No. 36 Recipient Reporting for Certain Shared Non-Exchange Revenues, they include grants and donations. On the accrual basis, revenues from grants and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. 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.

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Cash

Cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less.

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 assets in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$500 or more. Building improvements, additions and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations. Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Improvements	10-15 Years
Furniture and Equipment	5 Years
Textbooks	3 Years

Revenue Sources

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

**Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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.

Post-retirement Benefits

The School provides no post-retirement benefits to its employees.

Compensated Absences

The School grants a specific number of days of sick/personal leave. Full time instructional employees are eligible to one day per month to up to ten days of active work during the ten-month period. Employees wishing to carry forward unused days, at year-end, may do so. The employees may only cash out if they have used three days or less of their sick and personal leave in that school year. The employees cannot cash out more than ten days per school year and are required to always maintain a minimum of ten unused days. The cash out value is eighty percent of their daily rate.

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, requires governmental agencies to record as a liability the vested and future rights to sick and/or vacation leave. Accordingly, the financial statements include an accrual for such vested rights.

Income Taxes

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

Use of Estimates

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

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June 30, 2008

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**Note 3 –Capital Assets**

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in capital assets, acquired substantially with public funds, for the period ended June 30, 2008:

	Balance 7/1/07	Additions	Retirements	Balance 6/30/08
Capital Assets				
Improvements	\$ 2,565	\$ 64,300	\$ -	\$ 66,865
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	<u>92,409</u>	<u>232,762</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>325,171</u>
Total Capital Assets	94,974	297,062	-	392,036
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Improvements	(61)	(2,814)	-	(2,875)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	<u>( 20,536)</u>	<u>(49,564)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(70,100)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>( 20,597)</u>	<u>(52,379)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(72,975)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 74,377</u>	<u>\$ 244,684</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 319,061</u>

Depreciation expense for the period ended June 30, 2008 was \$52,379 and is allocated in the Statement of Activities to instruction and facilities operation expense.

**Note 4 –Management Agreement**

Academica Dade, LLC, a professional charter school management company, provides management and administrative services to the School including, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of the books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting and financial reporting. The agreement between the School and the management company calls for a fee of \$450 per full time equivalent (FTE) student per year. The agreement is for a period of five years, through July 2011, with options to renew. During the year ended June 30, 2008, the School incurred approximately \$158,175, in management fees. As of June 30, 2008 the school had \$125,925 in accounts payable to the management company.

Academica Dade, LLC is located at 6361 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida, 33143 and its officers are:

Fernando Zulueta, President  
Magdalena Fresen, Vice President  
Amy Nunez, Secretary

**Note 5 – Transactions with Other Charter Schools and Other Revenues**

The School charged Mater Academy Lakes Middle and High Schools (charter schools under Mater Academy, Inc.) for the use of space and other expenses under an annual usage fee agreement. In addition, the school shares its facility with Mater Academy Gardens Middle School (a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.) The following is a summary of transactions and balances with those and other charter schools under Mater Academy, Inc.:

Salary reimbursement received from:	
Mater Academy Gardens Middle	\$ 24,028
Mater Academy	\$ 4,092
Mater Academy Lakes Middle	\$ 8,529
Mater Academy Lakes High	\$ 24,740
Fees received from Mater Academy High for lunch program	\$ 132,329
Fees due to Mater Academy Gardens Middle for lunch program	\$ 8,865
Insurance reimbursement received from:	
Mater Academy Lakes Middle	\$ 16,519
Mater Academy Lakes High	\$ 7,508
Rent reimbursement received from:	
Mater Academy Gardens Middle	\$ 5,147
Mater Academy Lakes Middle	\$ 90,469
Mater Academy Lakes High	\$ 68,279
Non-interest bearing advance due to Mater Academy	\$ 75,000

In addition to the facility usage fees paid to the school, Mater Lakes Middle and Mater Lakes High school paid rent directly to the landlord of approximately \$278,000 and \$205,000 respectively.

**Note 6 – Deposits Policy and Credit Risk**

It is the School's policy to maintain its cash and cash equivalents in major banks and in high grade investments.

As of June 30, 2008, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was 271,390 and the respective bank balances totaled \$242,728. Out of the total bank balances, \$100,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The School also had additional balance of \$140,000 that was fully collateralized by U.S. Government obligations under a repurchase agreement with Wachovia Bank.

### Note 7 – Commitments and Contingencies

The School entered into a lease and security agreement with Northwestern Grant, LLC for its 51,246 square feet including all ancillary facilities, outdoor areas and other improvements. Presently, members of the landlord are also stockholders of the entity which is the sole owner of Academica Dade, LLC, the School's management company (See note 4). This facility is shared with Mater Academy Gardens Middle School (a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.). Initial fixed annual payments under this agreement (based on \$23.75 per square foot) are approximately \$1,211,300 adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance. The agreement continues through August 2026 with an option to renew for an additional five-year term. 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 and maintaining a reserve for property expenses such as repairs, maintenance, taxes or insurance. Finally, under this agreement the School has granted a first lien on its pledged revenues, which include all revenues collected by the school from the Florida Department of Education, the District, and all other sources.

Lease payments are allocated among the two schools as well as Mater Academy Lakes Middle School and Mater Academy Lakes High School (charter schools under Mater Academy, Inc.) based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used for 2008, was approximately 40% for the School and 9% for Mater Academy Gardens Middle School. The remaining 52% is allocated to Mater Academy Lakes Middle School and Mater Academy Lakes High School.

For 2008, rent expense totaled \$484,669, net of rent reimbursements from other charter schools that share the facility (see Note 5). As of June 30, 2008, the School had accounts payable to the landlord of \$40,751. Future minimum payments for the full lease (to be shared with Mater Academy Gardens Middle School) are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	
2009	\$1,239,418
2010	\$1,239,418
2011	\$1,239,418
2012	\$1,239,418
2013	\$1,239,418
2014-2018	\$6,197,091 (Total for five-year period)
2019-2023	\$6,197,091 (Total for five-year period)
2024-2026	\$3,098,546 (Total for three-year period)

The School received substantially all of its revenues from Federal and local governmental agencies in the form of grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and may be subject to audit by the grantor agencies.

**Note 8 – 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 for the past years. In addition, there were no reductions in insurance coverage from those in the prior year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
For the year ended June 30, 2008

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Capital outlay funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Local Sources	1,796,780	2,073,000	2,271,579
Pre-K fees and other revenues	100,000	210,000	188,760
Total Revenues	<u>1,896,780</u>	<u>2,283,000</u>	<u>2,460,339</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Instruction	900,000	1,110,000	1,104,760
Instructional Staff			
Training Services	9,000	9,000	8,673
Board	30,000	40,000	37,950
School Administration	362,500	475,000	470,213
Fiscal Services	50,000	55,000	52,725
Food Services	15,000	(12,800)	32,147
Central Services	50,000	57,000	55,410
Operation of Plant	385,000	370,000	365,173
Maintenance of Plant	30,000	32,000	31,507
Community Services	-	67,000	65,281
Total Current Expenditures	<u>1,831,500</u>	<u>2,202,200</u>	<u>2,223,839</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>65,280</u>	<u>80,800</u>	<u>236,500</u>
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	-	-
Capital Outlay:			
Other Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	297,063
Total Expenditures	<u>1,931,500</u>	<u>2,302,200</u>	<u>2,520,902</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(34,720)	(19,200)	(60,563)
Other financing sources	-	-	75,000
Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>64,895</u>	<u>64,895</u>	<u>64,895</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 30,175</u>	<u>\$ 45,695</u>	<u>\$ 79,332</u>

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
For the year ended June 30, 2008

	Special Revenue Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual *
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Capital outlay funding	\$ 200,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 219,007
Local Sources	-	-	-
Federal funding	100,000	100,000	103,259
Lunch Program	100,000	150,000	189,632
Total Revenues	<u>400,000</u>	<u>465,000</u>	<u>511,898</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Instruction	100,000	100,000	103,259
Food Services	100,000	150,000	189,632
Operation of Plant	200,000	215,000	219,007
Total Current Expenditures	<u>400,000</u>	<u>465,000</u>	<u>511,898</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	-	-
Capital Outlay:			
Other Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Total Capital Outlay and Debt Service Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>400,000</u>	<u>465,000</u>	<u>511,898</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	-
Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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 Gardens  
Hialeah, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Academy Gardens (the "School") as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated August 27, 2008. We conducted our audits 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the School's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the School Board of Miami-Dade County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
August 27, 2008

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Board of Directors of  
Mater Academy Gardens  
Hialeah, Florida

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Mater Academy Gardens as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008 and have issued our report thereon dated August 27, 2008.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters dated August 27, 2008. Disclosures in that report, if any, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General which govern the conduct of charter school audits performed in the State of Florida and require that certain items be addressed in this letter. Those items, as outlined in Section 10.854, are as follows:

1. A statement as to whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address significant findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

The recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report have been corrected except as noted below.

2. A statement as to whether the School has met one or more conditions described in Section 218.503 (1) Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition.

The School has not met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503 (1) Florida Statutes.

3. Recommendations to improve the School's present financial management, accounting procedures and internal controls.

The following are recommendations to improve the School's financial management, accounting procedures and internal controls:

**ML 08-01 CAPITAL ASSETS (Repeat observation from prior year)**

Observation

We noted that a periodic inventory of capital assets is not performed for the purpose of identifying serviceable assets and removing those that are obsolete or have been disposed of.

Recommendation

Although removing fully depreciated capital assets does not impact the reported net book value, the gross capital assets and accumulated depreciation account will continue to grow infinitely if a period "clean-out" is not performed. Management should consider implementing a physical inventory at least annually.

4. Violations of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the determination of financial amounts that are less than material but more than inconsequential.

No such violations have been noted during the audit.

5. Matters that are inconsequential to the determination of financial statement amounts considering both quantitative and qualitative factors, including the following:
  - a. Violations of laws, rules, regulations and contractual provisions or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred,
  - b. Improper expenditures or illegal acts that would have an immaterial effect on the financial statements.
  - c. Control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies, including, but not limited to:
    - i. Improper or inadequate accounting procedures (e.g., the omission of required disclosures from the annual financial statements).
    - ii. Failures to properly record financial transactions.
    - iii. Inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, and instances of fraud discovered by, or that come to the attention of, the auditor.

No such conditions were noted during the audit.

6. The name or official title of the School.

The name and title are disclosed in the accompanying financial statements.

7. A statement that the auditor applied financial condition assessment procedures pursuant to Rule 10.855(10).

We have applied such procedures and no deteriorating financial condition has been noted.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, the Auditor General of the State of Florida and the School Board of Miami-Dade County and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Pravica & Associates, LLP*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
August 27, 2008

**Mater Academy Gardens**

September 3, 2008

Gravier & Associates  
201 Alhambra Circle, Suite 901  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

**RE: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSES TO AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**PRIOR YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS**

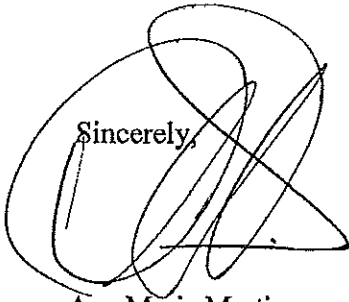
**08-01 Recommendation – Capital Assets**

Although removing fully depreciated capital assets does not impact the reported net book value, the gross capital assets and accumulated depreciation account will continue to grow infinitely unless a periodic "clean out" is not performed. Management should consider implementing a physical inventory at least annually.

**Management Response**

Management will follow the auditor's recommendation and implement and perform a "clean out" of obsolete or no longer in service assets during the School's annual physical inventory.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ana Maria Martinez", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Ana Maria Martinez  
Authorized Signor for Mater Academy, Inc.