

Mater Academy East Charter School

W/L# 3100

(A charter school under
Mater Academy, Inc.)

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors' Report
June 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Mater Academy East Charter School (the "School"), a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc., as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Mater Academy East Charter School as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Mater Academy East Charter School as of June 30, 2017, 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, 2017 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 9 and 28 through 30 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 30, 2017 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.

Coral Gables, Florida
August 30, 2017


CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Management's Discussion and Analysis
Mater Academy East Charter School
(A Charter School Under Mater Academy, Inc.)
June 30, 2017

The corporate officers of Mater Academy East Charter School have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the school's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Financial Highlights

1. The net position of the School at June 30, 2017 was \$4,491,144.
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$1,890,440
3. The School had an increase in its net position of \$124,550 for the year ended June 30, 2017.
4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$1,349,359.

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, 2017 are presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200. The financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the School's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents information on all of the School's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The difference between the four is reported as *net position*. Over time increases or decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of whether the financial position of the School is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information on how the School's net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event occurs without regard to the timing of related cash flows. Accordingly, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 10-11 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

The Board of the School adopts an annual appropriated budget for its 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 12 - 15 of this report.

Notes to Financial Statements

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

The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16 – 27 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, the net position was \$4,491,144 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 267,329	\$ 369,213
Investments	1,320,000	1,420,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	109,078	80,431
Due from other agencies	194,033	12,218
Due from other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.	2,250,000	2,250,000
Capital Assets, net	548,503	432,460
Total Assets	4,688,943	4,564,322
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-
Salaries and wages payable	183,260	181,901
Accounts Payable	14,539	15,827.00
Total Liabilities	197,799	197,728
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets and long term receivables	2,798,503	2,682,460
Restricted by lease agreement	234,204	241,352
Unrestricted	1,458,437	1,442,782
Total Net Position	\$ 4,491,144	\$ 4,366,594

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
REVENUES		
Program Revenues		
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 183,081	\$ 137,904
Capital Outlay Funding	237,279	202,171
Lunch Program	250,735	271,350
General Revenues		
Local Sources(FTE non specific)	3,978,434	4,196,320
Other Revenues	34,549	19,296
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,684,078</u>	<u>\$ 4,827,041</u>
EXPENSES		
Governmental Activities:		
Instruction	\$ 2,160,976	\$ 2,152,576
Instructional staff training	5,217	3,203
Board	130,433	69,150
School administration	683,038	597,814
Facilities acquisition	8,058	8,058
Fiscal services	89,913	89,475
Food services	298,350	270,676
Central services	103,977	136,839
Operation of plant	916,885	903,582
Maintenance of plant	162,681	152,447
Total Expenses	<u>4,559,528</u>	<u>4,383,820</u>
Increase in Net Position	124,550	443,221
Net Position at Beginning of Year	4,366,594	3,923,373
Net Position at End of Year	<u>\$ 4,491,144</u>	<u>\$ 4,366,594</u>

The School's revenue decreased by \$142,963 and expenditures increased by \$175,708. The decrease in revenues was primarily due to a reduction in FTE from 2016 to 2017. The School had an increase in its net position of \$124,550 for the year.

Accomplishments

In 2017, Mater Academy East completed its 14th year of operation, serving 553 students in grades K-5. The School's grade for the 2016-2017 school year was an "A", which was its 13th consecutive year receiving the same letter grade. Based on the points the school received under the State of Florida Accountability Program, Mater Academy East ranked as one of the highest-performing public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County.

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

Since inception, Mater Academy East has consistently received accolades for its achievements. Most notably, Mater East has been named a National Blue Ribbon School. This award honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools whose students achieve at very high levels or have made significant progress and helped close gaps in achievement especially among disadvantaged and minority students. In an effort to continue to reduce the achievement gap and assist students to excel academically, the school provides all students with access to a technology rich environment.

In past years, Mater Academy East has been featured as one of the top 10 charter schools in the State of Florida, and has received statewide recognition from the United Way Campaign for its fundraising efforts. The school's facilities have also been recognized nationally for exceptional design in *American School and University Magazine*.

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

Accomplishments

In 2017, Mater Academy East completed its 14th year of operation, serving 597 students in grades K-5. The School's grade for the 2016-2017 school year was an "A", which was its 13th consecutive year receiving the same letter grade. Based on the points the school received under the State of Florida Accountability Program, Mater Academy East ranked as one of the highest-performing public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUND

As noted earlier, the School uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the School's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the School's financing requirements. In particular, the *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

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

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental general fund reported ending fund balance of \$1,692,641. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$1,349,359. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations.

Capital Assets

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2017 amounts to \$548,503 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes building and improvements and furniture, equipment, and textbooks. The School has no outstanding debt associated to capital assets.

Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights

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

	Governmental Funds		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
State capital outlay funding	\$ 210,000	# \$ 202,000	\$ 237,279
Federal sources	335,190	401,675	430,028
Lunch program	6,000	6,000	3,788
General Revenues			
FTE nonspecific revenues	4,105,380	4,180,710	4,196,320
Charges and other revenues	20,000	20,000	19,296
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,676,570</u>	<u>\$ 4,810,385</u>	<u>\$ 4,886,711</u>
CURRENT EXPENDITURES			
Governmental Activities			
Instruction	\$ 2,082,997	\$ 2,055,303	\$ 2,092,249
Instructional staff training	5,500	5,500	3,203
Board	70,000	70,000	69,150
School administration	637,308	629,844	595,598
Fiscal services	85,950	89,875	89,475
Food services	218,294	310,000	295,154
Central services	125,950	138,294	136,839
Operation of plant	909,466	918,304	937,832
Maintenance of plant	204,853	164,853	154,804
Total Current Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,340,318</u>	<u>\$ 4,381,973</u>	<u>\$ 4,374,304</u>

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

Requests for Information

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

Mater Academy East Charter School
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Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities
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<u>Assets</u>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 267,329
Investments	1,320,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	109,078
Due from other agencies	194,033
	<hr/> 1,890,440
Due from other divisions of Mater Academy, Inc.	2,250,000
Capital assets, depreciable	1,969,073
Less: accumulated depreciation	<hr/> (1,420,570)
	<hr/> 548,503
Total Assets	<hr/> 4,688,943
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<hr/> -
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Current liabilities:	
Salaries and wages payable	183,260
Accounts payable	14,539
Total Liabilities	<hr/> 197,799
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	<hr/> -
<u>Net Position</u>	
Net investment in capital assets and long term receivables	2,798,503
Restricted by lease agreement	234,204
Unrestricted	1,458,437
Total Net Position	<hr/> \$ 4,491,144

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of this financial statement.

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Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2017

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 2,160,976	\$ -	\$ 183,081	\$ -	\$ (1,977,895)
Instructional staff training	5,217	-	-	-	(5,217)
Board	130,433	-	-	-	(130,433)
School administration	683,038	-	-	-	(683,038)
Facilities acquisition	8,058	-	-	-	(8,058)
Fiscal services	89,913	-	-	-	(89,913)
Food services	298,350	3,788	246,947	-	(47,615)
Central services	103,977	-	-	-	(103,977)
Operation of plant	916,885	-	-	237,279	(679,606)
Maintenance of plant	162,681	-	-	-	(162,681)
Total governmental activities	4,559,528	3,788	430,028	237,279	(3,888,433)
General revenues:					
FTE nonspecific revenues					3,978,434
Interest and other revenue					34,549
Change in net position					124,550
Net position, beginning					4,366,594
Net position, ending					<u>\$ 4,491,144</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of this financial statement.

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2017

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 267,329	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267,329
Investments	1,320,000	-	-	1,320,000
Due from other agencies	-	-	194,033	194,033
Due from fund	194,033	-	-	194,033
Prepaid expenses and other assets	109,078	-	-	109,078
Total Assets	1,890,440	-	194,033	2,084,473
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Salaries and wages payable	183,260	-	-	183,260
Accounts payable	14,539	-	-	14,539
Due to fund	-	-	194,033	194,033
Total Liabilities	197,799	-	194,033	391,832
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	-	-	-	-
<u>Fund balance</u>				
Nonspendable, not in spendable form	109,078	-	-	109,078
Restricted	234,204	-	-	234,204
Unassigned	1,349,359	-	-	1,349,359
	1,692,641	-	-	1,692,641
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balance	\$ 1,890,440	\$ -	\$ 194,033	\$ 2,084,473

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part of this financial statement.

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2017

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 1,692,641
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets of \$1,969,073 net of accumulated depreciation of \$1,420,570 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.	548,503
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Long term receivables in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.	<u>2,250,000</u>
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Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,491,144</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2017

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
State capital outlay funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 237,279	\$ 237,279
State passed through local	3,978,434	-	-	3,978,434
Federal sources	-	430,028	-	430,028
Charges for services and other revenue	34,549	3,788	-	38,337
Total Revenues	4,012,983	433,816	237,279	4,684,078
Expenditures:				
Current				
Instruction	1,850,075	183,081	-	2,033,156
Board	130,433	-	-	130,433
Instructional staff training	5,217	-	-	5,217
School administration	681,433	-	-	681,433
Fiscal services	89,913	-	-	89,913
Food services	-	295,154	-	295,154
Central services	103,977	-	-	103,977
Pupil transportation	-	-	-	-
Operation of plant	641,826	-	237,279	879,105
Maintenance of plant	159,818	-	-	159,818
Capital Outlay:				
Other capital outlay	278,235	19,130	-	297,365
Total Expenditures	3,940,927	497,365	237,279	4,675,571
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	72,056	(63,549)	-	8,507
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in (out)	(63,549)	63,549	-	-
Net change in fund balance	8,507	-	-	8,507
Fund Balance at beginning of year	1,684,134	-	-	1,684,134
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 1,692,641	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,692,641

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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, 2017

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 8,507
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays of \$297,365 exceeded depreciation expense of \$181,322.

116,043

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 124,550</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

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

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The current charter expires on June 30, 2027 and it can be renewed in accordance with the law. A charter can also be terminated before its date of expiration for reasons set forth in the charter and Section 1002.33 of the Florida Statutes.

The School is located in Miami, Florida for students from kindergarten through fifth grade. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2017, when on average 553 students were enrolled for the school year.

Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report information about the School as a whole. Any internal interfund activity has been eliminated from these financial statements. Both statements report only governmental activities as the School does not engage in any business type activities. These statements also do not include fiduciary funds.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services, such as food service and student activity fees; (2) operating grants such as the National School Lunch Program, Federal grants, and other state allocations; and (3) capital grants specific to capital outlay. Other revenue sources not included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Fund Financial Statements

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

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 federal lunch program that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

Capital Projects Fund – This fund is used to account for state capital outlay funding that is legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

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

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

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the School are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The School's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) *Codification of Accounting and Financial Reporting Guidance*.

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

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

Non-exchange transactions occur when the school provides (or receives) value to (from) another party without receiving (or giving) equal or nearly equal value in return. Most donations are examples of non-exchange transactions. Revenues from grants and donations are recognized on the accrual basis, in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined. "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.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues are recognized when received. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Charges for services and fees are recognized when cash is collected as amounts are not measurable. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of funds is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant funds, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for long-term debt principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

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

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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

Cash, 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).

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Inter-fund Transfers

Outstanding balances between funds are reported as “due to/from” other funds. Inter-fund transfers are made to move any excess or shortage of National School Lunch Program funds from the Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund.

Due from Other Governments or Agencies

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

Capital Assets

The School’s property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with a cost of \$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:

Building and improvements	20-39 Years
Furniture and equipment	5 Years
Textbooks and software	3 Years

Compensated Absences

The School grants a specific number of sick days. Full time instructional employees are eligible to one day per month to up to ten days of active work during the ten-month period (a “benefit year”). In the event that available time is not used by the end of the benefit year, employees may “rollover” all unused days for use in future benefit years. Employees “cash out” unused sick days however, the employees may only cash out if they have used three days or less of their sick leave in that benefit year. Employees may not cash out more than ten days per school year and are required to maintain a minimum of twenty-one unused days in order to cash out. The cash out value is eighty percent of their current daily rate. There is no termination payment for accumulated unused sick days.

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.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Compensated Absences (continued)

The School also provides certain days to be used for specific personal matters such as family death and jury duty. Because the use of such days is contingent upon those events taking place and such events are out of the control of both the employer and the employee, there is no accrual for such days.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from State through the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the School will report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District.

Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of the full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the FEFP.

Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. After review and verification of FTE reports and supporting documentation, the FDOE may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of FEFP funding for prior year errors disclosed by its review as well as to prevent statewide allocations from exceeding the amount authorized by the Legislature. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions of revenue in the year the adjustment is made.

In addition, 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.

Finally, the School also receives Federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. Federal awards are generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For Federal awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred. Any excess amounts are recorded as deferred revenues until expended. Additionally, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Net Position and Fund Balance Classification

Government-wide financial statements

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

- a) Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- b) Restricted net position - consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- c) Unrestricted net position - all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Fund financial statements

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

- a) Nonspendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Consists of fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed, or assigned).
- b) Restricted – this classification includes fund balance category amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. Restricted fund balance of the School relate to reserves required by the landlord.
- c) Committed - fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Directors. There are no committed fund balances at year end.
- d) Assigned - fund balance classification that is intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. There are no assigned fund balances at year end.
- e) Unassigned – portion of the fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned for a specific purpose. This is the residual classification for the School's general fund.

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year by adjusting journal entries. First non-spendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including non-spendable amounts). Then any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the restricted fund balances for specific purposes amounts exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund.

Income Taxes

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

Subsequent Events

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 30, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Use of Estimates

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

Note 2 – Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Deposits

The School maintains its cash and cash equivalents in two financial institutions. As of June 30, 2017, the School's deposits consisted of cash balances of \$385,341.

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, 2017, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage was approximately \$398,000; including fiduciary account bank balances.

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

Investments

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

At June 30, 2017, the School has the following recurring fair value measurements:

- Government money market mutual fund of \$1,390,000 (Level 2 inputs).

The government money market mutual fund values its portfolio securities at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The government money market mutual fund primarily invests in cash, high quality, short-term U.S. government securities and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by government securities that have been valued by the fund as Level 2. As of July 31, 2017, maturities of the fund's portfolio holdings are approximately 79% 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, 2017, 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.

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June 30, 2017

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, 2017:

	Balance 07/01/16	Additions	Reclassification	Balance 06/30/17
Capital Assets:				
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 519,746	\$ 4,311	\$ -	\$ 524,057
Computer equipment and software	414,131	173,933	-	588,064
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	737,831	119,121	-	856,952
Total Capital Assets	<u>1,671,708</u>	<u>297,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,969,073</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings and Improvements	(319,150)	(49,805)	(1,962)	(370,917)
Computer equipment and software	(281,099)	(59,641)	15,992	(324,748)
Furniture, equipment, and textbooks	(638,999)	(71,876)	(14,030)	(724,905)
	<u>(1,239,248)</u>	<u>(181,322)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,420,570)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 432,460</u>	<u>\$ 116,043</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 548,503</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, depreciation expense is allocated in the Statement of Activities by function as follows:

Instruction	\$	127,820
School administration		1,605
Food services		3,196
Facilities acquisition		8,058
Maintenance of plant		2,863
Operation of plant		37,780
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$</u>	<u>181,322</u>

Note 4 –Education Service and Support Provider

Academica Dade, LLC, an educational service and support provider, provides administrative services to the School including, but not limited to, facility design, staffing recommendations, human resource coordination, regulatory compliance, legal and corporate upkeep, maintenance of the books and records, bookkeeping, budgeting, financial reporting, and virtual education services. The agreement calls for a fee on a per student basis.

The agreement is with Mater Academy, Inc. for a period of five years, through June 30, 2021, and unless terminated by the board shall be renewed along with any renewals to the charter agreement. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the School incurred \$248,625 in fees related to this agreement.

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

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

Mater Academy, Inc. charged all of its affiliated schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. The School paid Mater Academy, Inc. approximately \$55,000 in connection with these charges during the year.

The School has made various long-term, non-interest bearing advances to the corporate account of Mater Academy, Inc. The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term receivables for the year ended June 30, 2017:

	Balance 07/01/16	Advances	Repayments	Balance 06/30/17
Mater Academy, Inc. - Corporate account	2,250,000	\$ -	\$ -	2,250,000
Total Long Term Receivables	<u>\$2,250,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$2,250,000</u>

Note 6 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations

The School entered into a lease and security agreement with School Development East, LLC for its 17,500 square foot building including all ancillary facilities, outdoor areas and other improvements. The landlord is an affiliate of the School's educational services provider (see Note 4). Initial fixed annual payments under this agreement (based on \$24 per square foot) are approximately \$420,000 adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance. The agreement continues through August 15, 2024 with an option to renew for an additional five-year term.

Under the agreement, the School must meet certain requirements and covenants including maintaining a "Lease Payment Coverage Ratio" of not less than 1.10 to 1.00. In addition, the School is required under the terms of the lease agreements to maintain a reserve for property expenses such as repairs, maintenance, taxes and insurance equal to 5% of their gross revenues for the fiscal year. As of June 30, 2017, the required reserve was \$234,204, and reflected as restricted net position and fund balance. 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.

For 2017, rent expense totaled to \$547,138. As of June 30, 2017, the School had approximately \$45,000 in prepaid rent to the landlords. Future minimum payments for the lease are as follows:

<u>Year</u>		
2018	\$	547,138
2019	\$	547,138
2020	\$	547,138
2021	\$	547,138
2022	\$	547,138
2023-2024	\$	1,094,276 (total for two-year period)

Contingencies and Concentrations

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

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

Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 5% (or 2% for high performing schools) of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2017, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$35,866.

Note 7 – Risk Management

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

Note 8 – Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

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 \$34,910 for the year ended June 30, 2017. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plans' assets, which are administered by Voya.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended June 30, 2017

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
State passed through local	\$ 4,105,380	\$ 4,180,710	\$ 4,196,320
Charges and other revenue	20,000	20,000	19,296
Total Revenues	<u>4,125,380</u>	<u>4,200,710</u>	<u>4,215,616</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	1,957,807	1,913,628	1,909,168
Instructional Staff Training	5,500	5,500	3,203
Board	70,000	70,000	69,150
School Administration	637,308	629,844	595,598
Fiscal Services	85,950	89,875	89,475
Central Services	125,950	138,294	136,839
Operation of Plant	699,466	716,304	700,553
Maintenance of Plant	204,853	164,853	154,804
Total Current Expenditures	<u>3,786,834</u>	<u>3,728,298</u>	<u>3,658,790</u>
Excess of Revenues			
Over Current Expenditures	<u>338,546</u>	<u>472,412</u>	<u>556,826</u>
Capital Outlay	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>	<u>278,235</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>4,086,834</u>	<u>4,028,298</u>	<u>3,937,025</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	38,546	172,412	278,591
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in (out)	<u>(22,294)</u>	<u>(64,000)</u>	<u>(63,549)</u>
Net change in fund balance	16,252	108,412	215,042
Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>1,684,134</u>	<u>1,684,134</u>	<u>1,684,134</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,700,386</u>	<u>\$ 1,792,546</u>	<u>\$ 1,899,176</u>

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.

Mater Academy East Charter School
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended June 30, 2017

	Special Revenue Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Federal sources	335,190	401,675	\$ 430,028
Charges for services and other revenue	6,000	6,000	3,788
Total Revenues	341,190	407,675	433,816
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	125,190	141,675	183,081
Food services	218,294	310,000	295,154
Total Current Expenditures	343,484	451,675	478,235
Excess of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	(2,294)	(44,000)	(44,419)
Capital Outlay	20,000	20,000	19,130
Total Expenditures	363,484	471,675	497,365
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(22,294)	(64,000)	(63,549)
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)	22,294	64,000	63,549
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund Balance at beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended June 30, 2017

	Capital Projects Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
State capital outlay funding	\$ 210,000	\$ 202,000	\$ 237,279
Total Revenues	210,000	202,000	237,279
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Operation of Plant	210,000	202,000	237,279
Total Current Expenditures	210,000	202,000	237,279
Excess of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	210,000	202,000	237,279
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	-
Other financing sources (uses)			
Transfers in (out)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund Balance at beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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

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

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

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States., the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Mater Academy East Charter School (the "School"), as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 30, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported in a separate management letter dated August 30, 2017 of pursuant to Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.


CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
August 30, 2017

MANAGEMENT LETTER

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

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Academy East Charter School as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and have issued our report thereon dated August 30, 2017.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reports and Schedules

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated August 30, 2017, 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.

Refer to Status of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity. The official title of the entity is Mater Academy East Charter School.

Financial Condition

Section 10.854(1)(e)2, Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we report the results of our determination as to whether or not Mater Academy East Charter School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Mater Academy East Charter School did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Financial Condition (continued)

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for Mater Academy East Charter School. It is management's responsibility to monitor Mater Academy East Charter School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same. We have applied such procedures as of the fiscal year end and no deteriorating financial condition has been noted.

Transparency

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

Other Matters

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we had the following recommendation:

ML 2017-01- Internal Account

During our testing, we noted several exceptions pertaining to the deposits within the internal account. There were instances where no receipts were on file and differences were noted between the recap sheets and the deposit slip summary.

Recommendation

We recommend that the School adhere to their internal account policy that requires receipts to be provided for amounts over the specified threshold, proper reconciliation of recap sheets to deposit slip summaries and all recap sheets have the necessary signatures.

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we noted the following recommendation.

Status of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations

ML 2016-01- Internal Account

(This is a repeat observation, this was not an observation in the second preceding audit report)

During our testing, we noted several deposit recap sheets were not signed by all of the appropriate personnel.

Recommendation

We recommend that the School adhere to their internal account policy that requires the signature of both the School's Treasurer and the collector of the funds.

Status

This is a repeat finding, during our current year audit procedures, we still noted a number of exceptions to this policy.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, School Board of Miami-Dade County, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, and applicable management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
August 30, 2017

Mater Academy East Charter School

August 31, 2017

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RE: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

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

ML 2016-01 – INTERNAL ACCOUNT (Repeat Exception)

Recommendation

During our testing in the current year, we again noted several exceptions regarding the required signatures on the recap sheets.

Management's Response

Management will adhere to auditor's recommendation and enforce adherence to established internal controls policies and procedures. Required signatures shall be obtained on recap sheets.

ML 2017-01 – INTERNAL ACCOUNT

Recommendation

We recommend that the School adhere to its internal account policy that requires receipts to be provided for amounts over the specified threshold, proper reconciliation of recap sheets to deposit slip summaries, and all recap sheets have the necessary signatures.

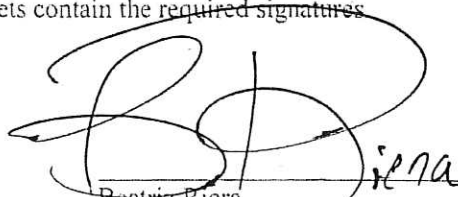
Management's Response

Management will adhere to auditor's recommendation and will ensure that receipts are provided for amounts over the established threshold, that proper reconciliation of recap sheets to deposit slip summaries is performed, and that all recap sheets contain the required signatures.

Sincerely,



Roberto C. Blanch
President, Mater Academy, Inc.



Beatriz Ricra
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