

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

Miami, Florida

Financial Statements And
Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2007

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2006-2007

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Mater Academy Gardens
Miami, 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, 2007, 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, 2007, 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, 2007, 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 23, 2007, 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 22 through 23, 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.

Graven & Associates, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
August 23, 2007

Management's Discussion and Analysis
Mater Academy Gardens
(A Charter school Under Mater Academy, Inc.)
June 30, 2007

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, 2007.

Financial Highlights

1. The assets of the School exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2007 by \$139,272 (net assets).
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$582,723.

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, 2007 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.

**AUDIT COMPLETION CHECKLIST
FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The following information should be included in the yearly audit by the organizations submitting their annual external audit. For charter schools, the Auditor General of the State of Florida has issued rules that must be complied with (Chapter 10.850). Please share this checklist with your external auditor.

- 1. The name and address of the school.
- 2. The name of the principal running the school.
- 3. Current list of the Board of Directors of the school.
- 4. If the school is operated by a management company:
 - a. Name of the company
 - b. Address
 - c. List of principal officials
 - d. Contractual arrangement with the company, such as length of contract, terms, total fees paid for the year, etc. (This information should be included in the footnotes to the financial statements).
- 5. The financial statements must include comparative totals for the prior year.
- 6. The financial statements must comply with GASB 34 requirements, if applicable.
- 7. In the footnotes of the financial statements, the following should be disclosed:
 - a. Total school enrollment and grade configuration. If separate facilities are in operation, disclose name, address, and the enrollment and grade configuration at each facility.
 - b. Full disclosure of related party transactions, which should include the related party's name and address, and disclosure of the transaction, particularly if it is a loan that needs to be repaid (principal and interest paid and unpaid). If the debt is in arrears, disclosure of arrangements made to satisfy the debt.
 - c. Full disclosure of any other debts in arrears, particularly as they relate to the payment of withholding/social security taxes. Arrangements made to pay the debt(s).
 - d. For charter schools, full disclosure in the notes or as a separate schedule in the audit of the tangible personal property purchased with public funds. (It is a current contractual requirement for charter schools; however, we recommend that it be part of the audit).
 - e. If there is a deficit cash position or significant losses shown in the financial statements, full disclosure as to how the school plans to keep operating. The current assets should be sufficient to cover the current liabilities. The issue is whether sufficient resources would be available to maintain the school open. This issue may be addressed in the Management Letter.
 - f. Any disclosures of events subsequent to the balance sheet date that the auditor believes are important to the readers of the financial statements (e.g., significant contractual arrangements and financing or refinancing of debt, payment of past due taxes, etc.).
- 8. If the audit is not submitted within the contractually required deadline, the Management Letter must comment on it with the appropriate response from the organization as to how it is going to be remedied in future audit submittals.
- 9. If there are Management Letter findings, each finding must include a response by the organization. If there were prior audit findings, the current audit must include the status of action taken, i.e., whether the recommendation was fully implemented and, if not, when (date) it will be fully implemented. Note that quarterly reports may be required on a case-by-case basis depending on the severity or lack of resolution of the issues noted in the Management Letter.
- 10. Please enter the following information about the Certified Public Accountant issuing the audit report:

CPA's Name GRAVIER & ASSOCIATES, LP
 CPA's Address 201 Alhambra Circle Suite 901, Coral Gables, FL 33134
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 Expiration Date 12/31/2007

In reference to this checklist, please refer any questions to the Office of Management and Compliance Audits, attention Mr. Norberto Ferradaz, CPA (305) 995-1318.

Please forward a copy of the completed checklist with your audit.

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 15-21 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

	2007
Cash	\$ 179,816
Due from other charter schools	177,425
Due from other government agencies	202,285
Other current assets	23,197
Capital Assets	74,377
Total Assets	<u>\$ 657,100</u>
Accrued Liabilities	461,218
Due to other charter schools	56,610
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 517,828</u>
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 74,377
Restricted	14,615
Unrestricted	50,280
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 139,272</u>

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 \$139,272 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2007 follows:

At the end of the period, the School is able to report positive balances in total net assets.

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses from inception through June 30, 2007 follows:

	<u>2007</u>
REVENUES	
Program Revenues	
Capital Outlay	\$ 225,754
Federal Sources	150,405
Usage Fee and Other Revenues	88,899
General Revenues	
FTE Nonspecific Revenues	1,897,645
Other Revenues	<u>560,383</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,923,086</u>
EXPENSES	
Component Unit Activities:	
Instruction	\$ 967,350
Instructional Staff Training Services	2,346
Board	4,555
School Administration	219,304
Facilities Acquisition	48
Fiscal Services	138,770
Food Services	131,935
Central Services	61,075
Operation of Plant	1,187,299
Community Services	-
Maintenance of Plant	<u>71,132</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,783,814</u>
Increase in Net Assets	139,272
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 139,272</u>

The 2006-2007 school year was the first year of operation for the school. Accordingly, the financial statement has no comparison with prior year results. Comparative analysis will be provided in future years when prior year information is available

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 \$64,895.

Capital Assets

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2007 amounts to \$74,377 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures and computer equipment.

General 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 general fund to demonstrate compliance with the School's budget.

	Governmental Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
Capital Grants	\$ 111,070	\$ 221,680	\$ 225,754
Charges for Services	15,000	85,000	88,899
Other Revenues	40,000	150,405	150,405
General Revenues			
FTE Nonspecific Revenues	1,999,110	1,906,350	1,897,645
Other Revenues	<u>260,000</u>	<u>335,595</u>	<u>560,383</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 2,425,180	\$ 2,699,030	\$ 2,923,086
EXPENSES			
Instruction	904,900	957,500	949,816
Instructional staff training services	2,500	2,500	2,346
Board	5,000	5,000	4,555
School administration	200,000	221,600	219,304
Fiscal services	47,100	47,100	138,770
Central services	62,000	62,000	61,075
Food services	45,000	133,300	131,934
Community services	-	-	-
Operation of plant	1,100,000	1,189,500	1,184,286
Maintenance of plant	<u>73,000</u>	<u>73,000</u>	<u>71,132</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$2,439,500</u>	<u>\$2,691,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,763,218</u>

Variances reported in the Budget resulted primarily from this having been the first year of operation for the School. Because of this, the exact number of students and their respective schedules could not be accurately forecast until after the start of the school year.

Accomplishments

Mater Academy Gardens opened in 2007 with 313 students. Mater Academy Gardens earned a letter grade of "B" and ranked among the top third of public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County, based on the points it received under the State of Florida Accountability Program. The School also met Adequate Yearly Progress under the No Child Left Behind Act.

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, 6255 Bird Road, Miami, Florida, 33155.

Mater Academy Gardens
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Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2007

Assets

Current Assets:

Cash	\$	179,816
Due from other charter schools		177,425
Due from other government agencies		202,285
Other current assets		23,197
		<u>582,723</u>

Capital assets, depreciable		94,974
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(20,597)</u>
		<u>74,377</u>

Total Assets \$ 657,100

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	402,544
Accrued liabilities		58,674
Due to other charter schools		56,610
Total Liabilities		<u>517,828</u>

Net Assets:

Invested in capital assets		74,377
Restricted by lease agreement		14,615
Unrestricted		50,280
Total Net Assets		<u>139,272</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 657,100

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

Mater Academy Gardens
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Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2007

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ 967,350	\$ -	\$ 150,405	\$ -	\$ (816,945)
Instructional staff training services	2,346	-	-	-	(2,346)
Board	4,555	-	-	-	(4,555)
School administration	219,304	-	-	-	(219,304)
Facilities acquisition and construction	48	-	-	-	(48)
Fiscal services	138,770	-	-	-	(138,770)
Central services	61,075	-	-	-	(61,075)
Food services	131,935	88,899	-	-	(43,036)
Community services	-	3,661	-	-	3,661
Maintenance of plant	71,132	-	-	-	(71,132)
Operation of Plant	1,187,299	-	-	225,754	(961,545)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>2,783,814</u>	<u>92,560</u>	<u>150,405</u>	<u>225,754</u>	<u>(2,315,095)</u>

General revenues:	
FTE nonspecific revenues	1,897,645
Usage fees and other revenue	<u>556,722</u>
Change in net assets	139,272
Net assets, beginning	-
Net assets, ending	<u>\$ 139,272</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

Mater Academy Gardens
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
 June 30, 2007

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total Governmental
		Fund	Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	\$ 179,816	\$ -	\$ 179,816
Due from other charter schools	177,425	-	177,425
Due from other government agencies	202,285	-	202,285
Other current assets	23,197	-	23,197
Total Assets	<u>\$ 582,723</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 582,723</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ 402,544	\$ -	\$ 402,544
Accrued liabilities	58,674	-	58,674
Due to other charter schools	56,610	-	56,610
Total Liabilities	<u>517,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>517,828</u>
<u>Fund balance</u>			
Reserved	14,615	-	14,615
Unreserved	50,280	-	50,280
	<u>64,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,895</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 582,723</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 582,723</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

Mater Academy Gardens
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Reconciliation of the governmental balance sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
For the year ended June 30, 2007

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 64,895

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

Capital assets of \$94,974 net of accumulated depreciation of \$20,597 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.

74,377

Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities \$ 139,272

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

Mater Academy Gardens
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes of Fund Balance
For the year ended June 30, 2007

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Local sources	\$ 1,897,645	\$ -	\$ 1,897,645
Capital outlay	-	225,754	225,754
Federal sources	-	150,405	150,405
Usage fee and other revenue	560,383	88,899	649,282
Total Revenues	2,458,028	465,058	2,923,086
Expenditures:			
Current			
Instruction	799,411	150,405	949,816
Instructional staff training services	2,346	-	2,346
Board	4,555	-	4,555
School administration	219,304	-	219,304
Fiscal services	138,770	-	138,770
Food services	43,035	88,899	131,934
Central services	61,075	-	61,075
Maintenance of plant	71,132	-	71,132
Operation of Plant	958,531	225,754	1,184,285
Capital outlay:			
Other capital outlay	94,974	-	94,974
Total Expenditures	2,393,133	465,058	2,858,191
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	64,895	-	64,895
Net change in fund balance	64,895	-	64,895
Fund Balance at beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund Balance at end of year	\$ 64,895	\$ -	\$ 64,895

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

Mater Academy Gardens
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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes of Fund Balance
of governmental funds to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2007

Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 64,895

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 \$94,974 differed from depreciation expense of \$20,597.

74,377

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 139,272

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

Note 1 – Organization and Operations

Mater Academy Gardens (the "School"), is a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized in the State of Florida. The governing body of the School is the board of directors of Mater Academy, Inc., which also governs other various charter schools. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the District School Board of Miami-Dade County (the "District"). The current charter expires on June 30, 2016 and is renewable for an additional 15 years by a mutual written agreement between the School and the District. During the term of the charter, the District may terminate the charter if good cause is shown. The School is considered a component unit of such District. The School's location is in Miami, Florida for children from kindergarten through fifth grade and is funded by the District.

These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2007 (the first year of operations), when approximately 313 students were enrolled for the school year.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of presentation

Based on the guidance provided in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Audit and Accounting Guide – Audits for States and Local Governments and provisions of Florida Statutes, the School is presented as a governmental organization for financial statement reporting purposes.

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. These statements report information for the School as a whole. Both statements report only governmental activities as the School does not engage in any business type activities.

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 which report fees; (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities; and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

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, that is 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.

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, 2007:

	<u>Balance</u> 7/1/06	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> 6/30/07
Capital Assets				
Improvements	\$ -	\$ 2,565	\$ -	\$ 2,565
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	<u>-</u>	<u>92,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,409</u>
Total Capital Assets	-	94,974		94,974
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Improvements	-	(61)	-	(61)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,536)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,536)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,597)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,597)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 74,377</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 74,377</u>

Depreciation expense for the period ended June 30, 2007 was \$20,597 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, 2007, the School incurred approximately \$141,300, in management fees, of which \$113,974 were in accounts payable as of the end of the year.

Academica Dade, LLC is located at 6255 Bird Road, Miami, Florida 33155 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. Total usage fees charged to Mater Academy Lakes Middle and High Schools totaled \$367,780 and \$167,173 for the year, respectively. The School also had accounts receivable from these two schools for \$162,387 and \$15,038, respectively. Both balances were subsequently collected by Mater Academy Gardens in August 2007.

Finally, the School had accounts payable to Mater Academy in the amount of \$56,610, which was paid in full during August 2007.

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, 2007, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was 179,816 and the respective bank balances totaled \$498,163. Out of the total bank balances, \$100,000 was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

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.

Note 7 – Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Lease payments are allocated among the two schools based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used for 2007, was approximately 93% for the School and 7% for Mater Academy Gardens Middle School.

For 2007, rent expense totaled \$1,089,831, out of which approximately \$1,069,000 related to the facility lease. As of June 30, 2007, the School had accounts payable to the landlord of \$292,692. Future minimum payments for the full lease (to be shared with Mater Academy Gardens Middle School) are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	
2008	\$1,239,867
2009	\$1,239,867
2010	\$1,239,867
2011	\$1,239,867
2012	\$1,239,867
2013-2017	\$6,199,337 (Total for five-year period)
2018-2022	\$6,199,337 (Total for five-year period)
2023-2026	\$4,959,468 (Total for four-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, 2007

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Capital outlay funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
County Funding	-	-	-
Local Sources	1,999,110	1,906,350	1,897,645
Interest and other revenues	260,000	335,595	560,383
Total Revenues	<u>2,259,110</u>	<u>2,241,945</u>	<u>2,458,028</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	864,900	807,095	799,411
Instructional Staff			
Training Services	2,500	2,500	2,346
Board	5,000	5,000	4,555
School Administration	200,000	221,600	219,304
Fiscal Services	47,100	47,100	138,770
Food Services	30,000	48,300	43,035
Central Services	62,000	62,000	61,075
Operation of Plant	988,930	967,820	958,532
Maintenance of Plant	73,000	73,000	71,132
Total Current Expenditures	<u>2,273,430</u>	<u>2,234,415</u>	<u>2,298,160</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>(14,320)</u>	<u>7,530</u>	<u>159,868</u>
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	-	-
Capital Outlay:			
Other Capital Outlay	-	-	94,973
Total Capital Outlay and Debt Service Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94,973</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,273,430</u>	<u>2,234,415</u>	<u>2,393,133</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(14,320)	7,530	64,895
Fund Balance at beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ (14,320)</u>	<u>\$ 7,530</u>	<u>\$ 64,895</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, 2007

	Special Revenue Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
REVENUES			
Capital outlay funding	\$ 111,070	\$ 221,680	\$ 225,754
County Funding	-	-	-
Local Sources	-	-	-
Other revenues	40,000	150,405	150,405
Lunch Program	15,000	85,000	88,899
Total Revenues	<u>166,070</u>	<u>457,085</u>	<u>465,058</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Instruction	40,000	150,405	150,405
Food Services	15,000	85,000	88,899
Operation of Plant	111,070	221,680	225,754
Total Current Expenditures	<u>166,070</u>	<u>457,085</u>	<u>465,058</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>166,070</u>	<u>457,085</u>	<u>465,058</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>



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
Miami, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Academy Gardens (the "School") as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 23, 2007. 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.

Gravin & Associates, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
August 23, 2007



MANAGEMENT LETTER

Board of Directors of
Mater Academy Gardens
Miami, Florida

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Mater Academy Gardens as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 and have issued our report thereon dated August 23, 2007.

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 23, 2007. 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 recommendation made in the preceding annual financial audit report have been corrected.

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 07-01 FRAUD AND WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

Observation

We noted the Faculty Handbook does not establish a policy and/or process by which personnel can anonymously report suspected fraud and abuse.

Recommendation

Personnel are often in the best position to identify and report fraud and abuse. Therefore, such a policy will enhance internal controls.

ML 07-02 FTE REVENUE RECOGNITION

Observation

We noted that FTE revenues are recorded net of the 5% Administrative Overhead charged by MDCPS.

Recommendation

Although this does not impact the Schools fund balance, a better reflection of revenues and costs can be achieved by recording the revenues gross with a corresponding charge administrative fees.

ML 07-03 CAPITAL ASSETS

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.

ML 07-04 COMPLIANCE

Observation

Our testing of personnel files and review of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) Compliance Review Form disclosed various compliance matters related to reading curriculum, personnel, finance and ESOL services.

Our testing of personnel files disclosed instances whereby the teacher certifications were not on file. Deficiencies related to teacher certifications were also noted in the MDCPS Compliance Review. We also noted missing instructional staff employment agreements and missing acknowledgment of receipt of basic employment policies.

The MDCPS Compliance Review also noted deficiencies in reporting class size. ESOL services deficiencies related to evidence of written parental notification, LEP folder maintenance, On-line records, LEP Committee and post program reviews.

Recommendation

We noted that corrective action plans were in place for these findings. Therefore, no recommendation is made other than to consider performing periodic self reviews in order to ensure on-going compliance.

4. Matters that are not clearly inconsequential considering both quantitative and qualitative factors, including the following:
 - a. Violations of laws, rules, regulations and contractual provisions or abuse that:
 - i. have occurred, or are likely to have occurred,
 - ii. that were discovered within the scope of the financial audit and,
 - iii. may or may not have materially affected the financial statements.
 - b. Illegal or improper expenditures
 - c. Improper or inadequate accounting procedures
 - d. Failure to properly record financial transactions, and
 - e. Other 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.

5. The name or official title of the School.

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

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.

Graves & Associates, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida
August 23, 2007

Mater Academy Gardens

September 1, 2007

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:

CURRENT YEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

07-1 Recommendation – Fraud and Whistleblower Policy

Personnel are often in the best position to identify and report fraud and abuse. Therefore, such a policy will enhance internal controls.

Management Response

The Board of Directors adopted a Whistle Blower policy during the 2006-2007 school year, subsequent to the publication of the staff handbook. A resolution regarding the Board's adoption of the policy, along with a copy of the policy, was made available at the school site, where copies of the meeting minutes are kept. The current staff handbook has been updated and includes the Whistle Blower Policy.

07-2 Recommendation – FTE Revenue Recognition

Although this does not impact the Schools fund balance, a better reflection of revenues and costs can be achieved by recording the revenues gross with a corresponding charge administrative fees.

Management Response

Management will follow the auditor's recommendation.

07-3 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 perform a "clean out" of obsolete or no longer in service assets during the School's annual physical inventory.

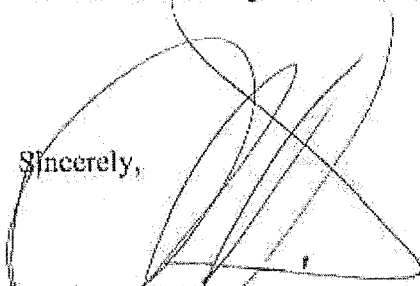
07-4 Recommendation – Compliance

We noted that corrective action plans were in place for these finding. Therefore, no recommendation is made other than to consider performing periodic self reviews in order to ensure on-going compliance.

Management Response

The School's management will consider performing periodic self reviews.

Sincerely,



Ana Maria Martinez
Authorized Signor for Mater Academy, Inc.