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

Hialeah, Florida

Financial Statements And  
Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2010

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Mater Academy Gardens  
Hialeah, Florida

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Mater Academy Gardens (the "School"), a charter school under Mater Academy, Inc., which is a component unit of the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2010, 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, 2010, 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, 2010, 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 30, 2010, 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 24 through 25, 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.

*HUB Granger, LLP*

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Coral Gables, Florida  
August 30, 2010

**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
Mater Academy Gardens  
(A Charter school Under Mater Academy, Inc.)  
June 30, 2010

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, 2010.

**Financial Highlights**

1. The assets of the School exceeded its liabilities at June 30, 2010 by \$665,267 (net assets).
2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$600,620.
3. The net assets of the School increased by \$217,746 during the year.

**Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2010 are presented under GASB 34. The financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

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

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

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

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 - 10 of this report.

### *Fund Financial Statements*

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

All of the funds of the School are governmental funds. *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 11 - 15 of this report.

### *Notes to Financial Statements*

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 16-23 of this report.

## **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$665,267 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net assets as of June 30, 2010 follows:

	2010	2009
Cash	\$ 457,903	\$ 507,902
Due from other charter schools	38,441	-
Due from other government agencies	50,365	31,743
Other current assets	53,911	189,589
Capital Assets	345,714	349,774
Total Assets	<u>\$ 946,334</u>	<u>\$ 1,079,008</u>
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	242,093	613,772
Due to other charter schools	38,974	17,715
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 281,067</u>	<u>\$ 631,487</u>
Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 345,714	\$ 349,774
Restricted by lease agreement	175,821	-
Unrestricted	143,732	97,747
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 665,267</u>	<u>\$ 447,521</u>

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

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2010 and 2009 follows.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Program Revenues		
Capital Outlay	\$ 212,919	\$ 186,180
Federal Sources	139,465	257,427
Charges for Services	274,388	231,995
General Revenues		
FTE Nonspecific Revenues	2,876,027	2,197,262
Other Revenues	13,621	433
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,516,420</u>	<u>\$ 2,873,297</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Component Unit Activities:		
Instruction	\$ 1,520,542	\$ 1,443,241
Instructional Staff Training Services	2,963	5,829
Board	13,146	18,630
School Administration	516,261	431,739
Facilities Acquisition	604	366
Fiscal Services	65,150	51,435
Food Services	132,387	81,024
Central Services	65,043	53,666
Operation of Plant	774,566	584,695
Community Services	149,770	53,011
Maintenance of Plant	58,242	25,533
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 3,298,674</u>	<u>\$ 2,749,169</u>
Increase in Net Assets	217,746	124,128
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	447,521	323,393
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 665,267</u>	<u>\$ 447,521</u>

In the current year, Mater Academy Gardens revenue and expenses increased by \$643,123 and \$549,505, respectively. This is a direct result of an increase in student enrollment of approximately 123 students. Additionally, the School had an increase in its net assets of \$217,746 for the year.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUND

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



## Governmental Funds

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

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental fund reported a fund balance of \$319,553.

## Capital Assets

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2010 amounts to \$345,714 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes furniture, fixtures and computer equipment.

## Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights

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

	Governmental Funds		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Program Revenues			
Capital Grants	\$ 240,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 212,919
Charges for Services	332,000	280,000	139,465
Federal Sources	100,000	132,500	274,388
General Revenues			
FTE Nonspecific Revenues	2,375,600	2,850,000	2,876,027
Other Revenues	-		13,621
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,047,600</u>	<u>\$ 3,477,500</u>	<u>\$ 3,516,420</u>
<b>CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>			
Instruction	1,300,000	1,447,500	1,436,801
Instructional staff training services	3,000	5,000	2,963
Board	15,000	15,000	13,146
School administration	500,000	525,000	516,261
Fiscal services	65,000	70,000	65,150
Food services	154,000	130,000	124,901
Central services	65,000	70,000	65,043
Community services	150,000	160,000	149,770
Operation of plant	703,808	765,000	760,458
Maintenance of plant	45,000	45,000	43,837
Total Current Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,000,808</u>	<u>\$ 3,232,500</u>	<u>\$ 3,178,330</u>

## **Accomplishments**

In 2010, Mater Gardens Academy earned a letter grade of "A," for the third consecutive year, and received a "School Recognition Award" from the State of Florida for its achievements, ranking among the top-performing public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County.

Throughout the year, Mater Gardens students received notable recognition for their extracurricular activities and community service projects. Mater Gardens students were recognized in the K-8 team in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Chess Competition and raised over \$4,000 for the Jump Rope for Heart Foundation. Mater Gardens was also named an M-DCPS United Way National Winner. Students and parents contributed greatly to successful fundraisers, such as the Spring Carnival, where they raised more than \$4,000 for the school.

The mission of Mater Gardens Academy is to provide students with the skills, strategies, technology, and resources that will enable them to further their education and make a positive difference in their community. The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

## **Requests for Information**

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the finances of the Charter School. Requests for additional information may be addressed to Ms. Ana Martinez at Academica Dade, LLC, 6361 Sunset Drive, Miami, Florida, 33143.

Mater Academy Gardens  
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Statement of Net Assets  
June 30, 2010

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**Assets**

Current Assets:

Cash	\$	457,903
Due from other charter schools		38,441
Due from other government agencies		50,365
Prepaid expenses		27,834
Deposits receivable		<u>26,077</u>
		600,620

Capital assets, depreciable		637,329
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(291,615)</u>
		<u>345,714</u>

Total Assets \$ 946,334

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	115,872
Due to other charter schools		38,974
Accrued liabilities		<u>126,221</u>
Total Liabilities		281,067

Net Assets:

Invested in capital assets		345,714
Restricted by lease agreement		175,821
Unrestricted		<u>143,732</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>665,267</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	<u><u>946,334</u></u>

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, 2010

FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 1,520,542	\$109,528	\$ 32,498	\$ -	\$ (1,378,516)
Instructional staff training services	2,963	-	-	-	(2,963)
Board	13,146	-	-	-	(13,146)
School administration	516,261	-	-	-	(516,261)
Facilities acquisition and construction	604	-	-	-	(604)
Fiscal services	65,150	-	-	-	(65,150)
Food services	132,387	35,170	106,967	-	9,750
Central services	65,043	-	-	-	(65,043)
Community services	149,770	129,690	-	-	(20,080)
Maintenance of plant	58,242	-	-	-	(58,242)
Operation of Plant	774,566	-	-	212,919	(561,647)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<u>3,298,674</u>	<u>274,388</u>	<u>139,465</u>	<u>212,919</u>	<u>(2,671,902)</u>

General revenues:

FTE nonspecific revenues

2,876,027

Fundraising, net and other revenue

13,621

Change in net assets

217,746

Net assets, beginning

447,521

Net assets, ending

\$ 665,267

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

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2010

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Cash	\$ 457,903	\$ -	\$ 457,903
Due from other charter schools	38,441	-	38,441
Due from other government agencies	-	50,365	50,365
Due from other funds	50,365	-	50,365
Other current assets	53,911	-	53,911
Total Assets	<u>\$ 600,620</u>	<u>\$ 50,365</u>	<u>\$ 650,985</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 115,872	\$ -	\$ 115,872
Accrued liabilities	126,221	-	126,221
Due to other charter schools	38,974	-	38,974
Due to other funds	-	50,365	50,365
Total Liabilities	<u>281,067</u>	<u>50,365</u>	<u>331,432</u>
<b><u>Fund balance</u></b>			
Reserved	175,821	-	175,821
Unreserved	143,732	-	143,732
	<u>319,553</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>319,553</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 600,620</u>	<u>\$ 50,365</u>	<u>\$ 650,985</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets  
For the year ended June 30, 2010

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Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 319,553

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

Capital assets of \$637,329 net of accumulated depreciation of \$291,615 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund. 345,714

Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities \$ 665,267

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

Mater Academy Gardens  
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds  
For the year ended June 30, 2010

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues:</b>			
State passed through local	\$ 2,876,027	\$ -	\$ 2,876,027
State capital outlay funding	-	212,919	212,919
Federal grants	-	32,498	32,498
Federal lunch program	-	106,967	106,967
Local preschool, child care and lunch fees	252,839	35,170	288,009
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,128,866</b>	<b>387,554</b>	<b>3,516,420</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Current</b>			
Instruction	1,404,303	32,498	1,436,801
Instructional staff training services	2,963	-	2,963
Board	13,146	-	13,146
School administration	516,261	-	516,261
Fiscal services	65,150	-	65,150
Food services	-	124,901	124,901
Central services	65,043	-	65,043
Maintenance of plant	43,837	-	43,837
Operation of Plant	547,539	212,919	760,458
Community services	149,770	-	149,770
<b>Capital outlay:</b>			
Other capital outlay	116,284	-	116,284
Debt service - redemption of principal	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,924,296</b>	<b>370,318</b>	<b>3,294,614</b>
Excess (deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	204,570	17,236	221,806
<b>Other financing sources</b>			
Transfers in and (out)	17,236	(17,236)	-
Net change in fund balance	221,806	-	221,806
Fund Balance at beginning of year	97,747	-	97,747
<b>Fund Balance at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 319,553</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 319,553</b>

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 in Fund Balance  
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the year ended June 30, 2010

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Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 221,806

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, net of retirements of \$116,284 differed from depreciation expense of \$120,344.

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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$ 217,746

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



Mater Academy Gardens  
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Statement of Net Assets - Fiduciary Funds  
June 30, 2010

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	<u>Agency Funds</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>	
Cash	\$ 24,832
Total Assets	<u>\$ 24,832</u>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Due to students and clubs	\$ 24,832
Total Liabilities	\$ 24,832
<b><u>Net assets</u></b>	<u>\$ -</u>

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 Hialeah, Florida for children from kindergarten through fifth grade and is funded by the District.

These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2010, when approximately 434 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. 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 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 are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements:

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

*Special Revenue Fund* - accounts for specific revenue, such as federal grants, federal lunch programs and capital outlay funding, that are legally restricted to expenditures for particular purposes.

*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) 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.

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

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.

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	10-20 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.

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. There is an opportunity to “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 always maintain a minimum of twenty-one unused days. The cash out value is eighty percent of their current daily rate. There is no termination payment for accumulated unused sick days.

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 16, 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 sick days available to be used in future benefits years.

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

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.

Mater Academy Gardens  
(A charter school under Mater Academy, Inc.)  
Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2010

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

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.

Subsequent Events

In accordance with GASB No. 56, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 30, 2010, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**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, 2010:

	Balance 06/30/09	Additions	Retirements	Balance 06/30/10
Capital Assets				
Improvements	\$ 76,374	\$ 117,952	\$ -	\$ 194,326
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	444,672	4,823	(6,492)	443,003
Total Capital Assets	<u>521,046</u>	<u>122,775</u>	<u>(6,492)</u>	<u>637,329</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Improvements	(8,504)	(5,629)	-	(14,133)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks	(162,768)	(114,714)	-	(277,482)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(171,272)</u>	<u>(120,344)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(291,615)</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$349,774</u>	<u>\$ 2,432</u>	<u>\$ (6,492)</u>	<u>\$ 345,714</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2010 was \$120,344 and is allocated in the Statement of Activities to instruction, facilities acquisition and construction and plant 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 June 30, 2011, with options to renew. During the year ended June 30, 2010, the School incurred approximately \$195,000, in management fees. As of June 30, 2010 the school had approximately \$59,000 in accounts payable to the management company.

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

Fernando Zulueta, President  
Ignacio Zulueta, Vice President  
Magdalena Fresen, Vice President and Treasurer  
Collette Papa, Secretary

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

Mater Academy, Inc. operates various charter schools. During 2010, the School shared its facility with Mater Academy Gardens Middle School and Mater Academy Lakes Middle (charter schools under Mater Academy, Inc.) under a lease and usage agreement. Mater Lakes Middle and Mater Academy Gardens Middle School paid rent directly to the landlord of approximately \$342,000, and \$294,000 respectively. The School also entered into a facility usage agreement with these schools and charged them a pro rata share of utilities expense of approximately \$56,000. As of June 30, 2010, the school had accounts receivable for this amount from Mater Gardens Middle and Mater Lakes Middles of \$11,363 and \$7,762, respectively.

During the previous fiscal year the School also shared its facility with Mater Academy Lakes High School, however for 2010, Mater Lakes High moved to a new location. Therefore, the School reimbursed \$29,853 to Mater Lakes High for rent paid directly to the landlord for the months of July and August 2009; this amount is included in due to other charter schools as of June 30, 2010.

The School's lunch program is shared with various schools. Revenues and expenses related to such program have been allocated based on FTE equivalent for purposes of presentation in the financial statements. Based on this allocation \$19,316 was due from Mater Academy High and \$9,121 was due to Mater Academy Gardens Middle School and Mater Academy Lakes Middle School as of June 30, 2010.

**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, 2010, the carrying amount of the School's deposits was \$482,735 and the respective bank balances totaled \$607,438. Out of the total bank balances, \$390,000 of the bank balances was collateralized by U.S. Government obligations under a repurchase agreement with Regions Bank.

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 be in excess of FDIC coverage. As of June 30, 2010, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage totaled \$217,438.

**Note 7 – Commitments and Contingencies**

The School entered into a lease and security agreement with Northwestern Grant, LLC for its 51,246 square feet facility 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. 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, 2010, the required reserve was \$175,821, and is reflected as a restricted on the statement of net assets. Finally, under this agreement the School has granted a first lien on its pledged revenues, which include all revenues collected by the school from the Florida Department of Education, the District, and all other sources.

Lease payments are allocated among the two schools as well as Mater Academy Lakes Middle School (charter schools under Mater Academy, Inc.) based on enrollment and usage of facility. The allocation used for 2010, was approximately 53% for the School and 22% for Mater Academy Gardens Middle School.



**Note 7 – Commitments and Contingencies (continued)**

The remaining 25% is allocated to Mater Academy Lakes Middle School, under a facility usage agreement.

For 2010, rent expense totaled \$653,831, of which approximately \$639,000 was related to the facility lease. Future minimum payments for the full lease (to be shared with Mater Academy Gardens Middle School in 2011) are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	
2011	\$1,305,525
2012	\$1,305,525
2013	\$1,305,525
2014	\$1,305,525
2015	\$1,305,525
2016-2020	\$6,527,627 (Total for five-year period)
2021-2025	\$6,527,627 (Total for five-year period)
2026	\$1,305,525 (Total for one-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 in the past. In addition, there were no reductions in insurance coverage from those in the prior year.

**Note 9 – Defined Contribution Retirement Plan**

The School's personnel, which are leased through ADP TotalSource Group, Inc., are eligible to participate in a defined contribution 401(k) plan sponsored by the leasing company, covering employees who meet certain age and tenure requirements. Under the ADP TotalSource Retirement Savings Plan (the "Plan"), the School provides a match of 50% of the employee's contribution up to 4% of the employee's compensation. The School contributed to the Plan \$9,445 for the year ended June 30, 2010. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plans' assets, which are administered by MassMutual Financial Group.

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, 2010

	General Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
State passed through local	\$ 2,375,600	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 2,876,027
Local preschool and child care	278,000	250,000	252,839
Total Revenues	<u>2,653,600</u>	<u>3,100,000</u>	<u>3,128,866</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Instruction	1,300,000	1,415,000	1,404,303
Instructional staff training services	3,000	5,000	2,963
Board	15,000	15,000	13,146
School Administration	500,000	525,000	516,261
Fiscal Services	65,000	70,000	65,150
Central Services	65,000	70,000	65,043
Operation of Plant	463,808	550,000	547,539
Maintenance of Plant	45,000	45,000	43,837
Community Services	150,000	160,000	149,770
Total Current Expenditures	<u>2,606,808</u>	<u>2,855,000</u>	<u>2,808,012</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	<u>46,792</u>	<u>245,000</u>	<u>320,854</u>
Debt Service:			
Redemption of Principal	-	-	-
Capital Outlay:			
Other Capital Outlay	120,000	120,000	116,284
Total Expenditures	<u>2,726,808</u>	<u>2,975,000</u>	<u>2,924,296</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(73,208)	125,000	204,570
Other financing sources			
Transfers in	-	-	17,236
Net change in fund balance	(73,208)	125,000	221,806
Fund Balance at beginning of year	<u>97,747</u>	<u>97,747</u>	<u>97,747</u>
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ 24,539</u>	<u>\$ 222,747</u>	<u>\$ 319,553</u>

Mater Academy Gardens  
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
For the year ended June 30, 2010

	Special Revenue Fund		
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>			
State capital outlay funding	\$ 240,000	\$ 215,000	\$ 212,919
Federal grants	-	32,500	32,498
Federal lunch program	100,000	100,000	106,967
Lunch fees	54,000	30,000	35,170
Total Revenues	<u>394,000</u>	<u>377,500</u>	<u>387,554</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
Instruction	-	32,500	32,498
Food Services	154,000	130,000	124,901
Operation of Plant	240,000	215,000	212,919
	<u>394,000</u>	<u>377,500</u>	<u>370,318</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Current Expenditures	-	-	17,236
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>394,000</u>	<u>377,500</u>	<u>370,318</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	-	-	17,236
Other financing sources			
Transfers out			(17,236)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund Balance at beginning of year	-	-	-
Fund Balance at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Board of Directors of  
Mater Academy Gardens  
Hialeah, Florida

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Mater Academy Gardens (the "School") as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2010, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 30, 2010. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, 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.

*HUB Gravier, LLP*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
August 30, 2010

Board of Directors of  
Mater Academy Gardens  
Hialeah, Florida

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Mater Academy Gardens as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010 and have issued our report thereon dated August 30, 2010.

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. We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters. Disclosure in those reports, which are dated August 30, 2010, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Additionally, our audit was conducted in accordance with Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General, which govern the conduct of charter school audits performed in the State of Florida. This letter includes the following information, which is not included in the aforementioned auditor's report or schedule:

1. 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.

No significant findings or recommendations were made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

2. 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.

Observation 2010-01

Fundraising approval forms and closing reports are not used. All fundraising is approved and monitored by the principal, but there is no evidence of such approval.

Recommendation

We recommend that the School implement use of fundraising approval and closing reports to properly track fundraising activity.

Observation 2010-02

The internal account at the school did not record revenue and expenses account in accordance with the Florida Department of Education's "Redbook" to evidence the net income or loss per fundraising activity or services provided. Also, we noted there was an expense account named "reconciling differences" that resulted from timing differences between when the actual expense cleared the bank statement and when it was recorded. This account had a significant balance at year end.

Recommendation

We recommend that School personnel who handle the internal account be trained to use the Quickbooks software and to record income and expenses per Redbook guidelines.

3. Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address violations of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but more than inconsequential.

In connection with our audit, we did not have any such violations.

4. Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, provides that the auditor may, based on professional judgment, report the following matters that are inconsequential to the determination of financial statement accounts, considering both quantitative and qualitative factors: (1) violations of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, or abuse that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, and (2) control deficiencies that are not significant deficiencies, including, but not limited to; (a) improper or inadequate accounting procedures (e.g., the omission of required disclosures from the annual financial statements); (b) failures to properly record financial transactions; and (c) inaccuracies, shortages, defalcations, and instances of fraud discovered by, or that come to the attention of, the auditor.

In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

5. Section 10854.(1)(e)6., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the school.

The official title of the school is disclosed in the accompanying financial statements.

6. Section 10.854(1)(e)2., Rules of the Auditor General, requires a statement be included as to whether or not the 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, no such conditions were noted.

7. Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(3)7.a. and 10.855(10)., Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures. It is management's responsibility to monitor the 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 and no deteriorating financial condition has been noted.



Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, this management letter is a public record and its distribution is not limited. Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to indicate that this letter 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.

*HLB Granier, CP*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Coral Gables, Florida  
August 30, 2010

**Mater Gardens Academy**

August 31, 2010

HLB Gravier, LLP  
201 Alhambra Circle, Suite 901  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

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

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

**2010-01 Recommendation –**

We recommend that the School implement use of fundraising approval and closing reports to properly track fundraising activity.

**Management Response -**

Management will follow the auditor's recommendation and implement fundraising approval and closing reports.

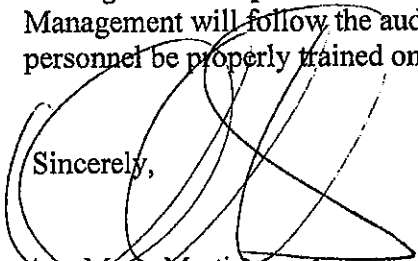
**2010-02 Recommendation –**

We recommend that School personnel who handle the internal account be trained to use the Quickbooks software and to record income and expenses per Redbook guidelines.

**Management Response -**

Management will follow the auditor's recommendation and ensure that responsible personnel be properly trained on Quickbooks and has understanding of Redbook.

Sincerely,



Ana Maria Martinez  
Authorized Signor for Mater Academy, Inc.