# STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC.

## A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS THEREON

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. Miami, Florida

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. (the Charter School), which is a component unit of the Miami-Dade County District School Board, Miami, Florida as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2022, which comprises the Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Other Matters- Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison schedule on pages 3–7 and 25-26 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 9, 2022, on our consideration of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and 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 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.

Thomas & Compuny CPA PH

Thomas & Company CPA PA Cooper City, Florida September 9, 2022

Our discussion and analysis of the Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.'s ("Academy") financial program provides an overview of the Academy's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Because the information contained in this discussion is intended to highlight significant transactions, it should be read in conjunction with the Academy's financial statements which begin on page 8.

For financial statement purposes, the Academy is considered a component unit of the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, which is a primary government entity for financial reporting. The Academy has included separate statements for the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds. The Fund Financial Statements reflect financing activities of the Academy by providing information on inflows and outflows of spendable resources, while the Statement of Net Position and the Statement

of Activities provide information on the activities of the Academy.

Some financial highlights include:

The Academy's revenues exceeded expenses by \$239,479 increasing its total net position The Academy's total assets exceeded its liabilities by \$909,337 resulting in a positive net position

## **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Academy's financial position. Included in these statements are all assets and liabilities using the accrual method of accounting. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are recorded when incurred.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Academy's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Academy is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

#### Fund Financial Statements

A Fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School only has one category of funds – governmental funds.

Governmental Funds - All of the Academy's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Academy's governmental activities and the basic services it provides.

#### Notes to the 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 15-23 of this report.

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

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Academy's financial position. The following table presents an analysis of the condensed government-wide statements of net position:

	Jur	ne 30, 2022	Jun	e 30, 2021	Variance	
Current assets	\$	515,825	\$	554,096	\$	(38,271)
Noncurrent assets						
Capital assets, net of depreciation		1,486,279		291,602		1,194,677
Total assets	\$	2,002,104	\$	845,698	\$	1,156,406
Current liabilities		419,878		175,840		244,038
Long-term liabilities		672,889		-		672,889
Net Position						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		484,287		291,602		192,685
Unrestricted		425,050		378,256		46,794
Total Net Position		909,337		669,858		239,479
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	2,002,104	\$	845,698	\$ .	1,156,406

## **CONDENSED STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

#### GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (cont.)

The Charter School reported a positive net position for the year of \$909,337. The Charter School's net position also reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., Leased property, computers, furniture, fixtures, and equipment). The Charter School uses its capital assets to provide services to students. Consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. The large increase in assets was due to the implementation of GASB Statement 87, which capitalizes the ROU (Right of Use) leased asset over the present value of payments over the lease term. Resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used are classified as restricted assets. As of June 30, 2022, the Charter school had no restricted assets. The remaining unrestricted balance may be used in any of the Charter School's ongoing operations.

The following table presents information on the condensed government-wide statements of changes in net position:

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION									
	2022	2021	Variance						
D									
Revenues:	<b>*</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	<b>*</b> • • • • <b>=</b> = • •	<b>• • • • • • • • • •</b>						
General revenues	\$ 2,182,501	\$ 2,045,702	\$ 136,799						
Program revenues:									
Operating grants and contributions	518,916	419,062	99,854						
Capital grants and contributions	196,150	191,986	4,164						
Total revenues	2,897,567	2,656,750	240,817						
Expenses:									
Instruction	689,546	867,916	(178,370)						
Pupil personnel services	83,853	93,071	(9,218)						
Instructional media services	-	920	(920)						
Instruction and curriculum development	2,788	38	2,750						
Instructional staff training services	5,200	35,025	(29,825)						
Instruction related technology	-	3,000	(3,000)						
School Board	5,152	3,000	2,152						
General administration	89,696	79,628	10,068						
School administration	400,339	434,838	(34,499)						
Fiscal services	182,397	191,435	(9,038)						
Food services	127,195	124,000	3,195						
Student transportation services	29,930	-	29,930						
Operation of plant	401,876	693,800	(291,924)						
Maintenance of plant	23,287	14,758	8,529						
Interest on long-term debt	19,391	-	19,391						
Unallocated depreciation/amortization expense	597,438	106,463	490,975						
Total expenses	2,658,088	2,647,892	10,196						
Change in Net Position	239,479	8,858	230,621						
Net Position - July 1, 2021	669,858	661,000	8,858						
Net Position - June 30, 2022	\$ 909,337	\$ 669,858	\$ 239,479						

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis - Continued**

- At the end of the fiscal year there were 296 students in grades 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Revenues are based on the amount received per student from the State through the School Board of Miami-Dade County.
- Expenses for instruction are the result of teachers' salaries and related benefits, and also materials and supplies that directly impact student learning.
- School administration is due primarily to administrator and other administrative personnel related benefits as well as administrative costs.
- Expense for pupil transportation services is due to the transportation of students to and from school.
- Operation of plant expenses consists of utilities, communications, insurance costs, support personnel and related benefits.

The government-wide basic financial statements include all governmental activities that are principally supported by grants and entitlements from the state for full-time equivalent funding. The Academy does not have any business-type activities.

#### Financial Analysis of the Charter School's Funds

As noted earlier, the Charter School uses fund accounting to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The focus of the Charter School's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Charter School's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Charter School's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of fiscal year 2022 the Charter School's governmental fund reported a positive ending fund balance of \$425,050

#### **Capital Assets and Debt Administration**

The Academy's investment in capital assets at June 30, 2022 was \$1,486,279. This amount is net of accumulated depreciation of \$990,051. Capital assets additions in the current year include leased property, new computers, and furniture. The leased property was the largest capital addition which was capitalized using the present value of future payments. A more detailed analysis is provided in Note C. The Charter School's outstanding debt consisted of the lease liability with the implementation of *GASB Statement* 87.

#### **Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The following economic indicators were considered when adopting the general fund budget for fiscal year 2022-23:

- 1. Student membership and FEFP funding per pupil
- 2. Cost of goods and services
- 3. Competitive employee compensation

Amounts available for appropriation in the general fund are \$3,027,320, an approximate 27% increase from the actual 2021 amount. A predominate factor affecting the budget is the school's funded student membership. The funded membership for the fiscal year is 100 percent of June 2022 student count. The fiscal year 2022-23 budget is based on a slightly lower student count as the official student membership count funded in 2021-22. During the year, aggregate revenues are expected to increase as the student membership decreases below the actual student count from the 2022 school year due to the fact there was an increase to the student allocation per student FTE.

Budgeted general fund expenditures are expected to increase to \$2,751,493, or 67%, from the fiscal 2022 actual figure of \$1,645,488. The school is allocating resources to enhance academic achievement at all student-learning levels and for anticipated student membership. The increased expenditure base includes salary increases, the rising cost of health care and increases in other fixed recurring costs for School operations.

If these estimates are realized, the school's general fund balance is expected to increase by the close of fiscal 2023.

#### **School Enrollment**

During the fiscal year June 30, 2022, the grade levels at the Charter School ranged from Grade 9th through Grade 12<sup>th</sup>, with a total enrollment of 296 students.

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Academy's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc., 7900 Northwest 27th Avenue, Suite F-1, Miami, Florida 33147.

## STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities			
Assets Cash Accounts receivable Deposit receivable Total current assets Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$	407,300 87,067 21,458 515,825 2,476,330		
Less accumulated depreciation/amoritization Total Assets	\$	(990,051) 1,486,279 2,002,104		
Liabilities <u>Current libilities</u> Accounts payable Salaries and wages payable Current portion of Leased asset liability Total current liabilities	\$	5,341 85,434 329,103 419,878		
Long-term liabilities Leased asset liability Total Liabilities		672,889 1,092,767		
<b>Net Position</b> Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted Total Net Position		484,287 425,050 909,337		
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$	2,002,104		

## STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2022

			Program Revenues																									
Governmental activities	<u>F</u>	Expenses	Charges for Services		Charges for Services		-				Grants Grants and and		Grants Grants arges for and and		Grants Charges for and		Grants and		Grants and		Grants Grants and and		Grants and		Grants and		(Ex (	et Revenues (penses) and Change in et Position
Instruction	\$	689,546	\$	-	\$	214,551	\$	-		(474,995)																		
Pupil Personnel Services		83,853		-		-		-		(83,853)																		
Instruction and curriculum development		2,788		-		-		-		(2,788)																		
Instructional staff training services		5,200		-		-		-		(5,200)																		
School Board		5,152		-		-		-		(5,152)																		
General administration		89,696		-		-		-		(89,696)																		
School administration		400,339		-		-		-		(400,339)																		
Fiscal services		182,397		-		-		-		(182,397)																		
Food services		127,195		-		176,805		-		49,610																		
Student transportation services		29,930		-		-		-		(29,930)																		
Operation of plant		401,876		-		127,560		196,150		(78,166)																		
Maintenance of plant		23,287		-		-		-		(23,287)																		
Interest on long-term debt		19,391		-		-		-		(19,391)																		
Unallocated depreciation/amortization		597,438		-		-		-		(597,438)																		
Total governmental activities	\$	2,658,088	\$	-	\$	518,916	\$	196,150	\$	(1,943,022)																		
	Ge	neral revenu	es:																									
	School Board of Miami- Dade County - FTE Miscellaneous							2,127,513 54,988																				
	Total general revenues							2,182,501																				
	Change in Net Position							239,479																				
	Ne	t Position - J	uly 1, 2	2021						669,858																		
	Ne	t Position - J	une 30,	, 2022					\$	909,337																		

# STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

## STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. BALANCE SHEET- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund		Grant Fund		 Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash Accounts receivable, net Due from other fund Deposits	\$	407,300 22,190 - 21,458	\$	64,877 113,005 -	\$ 407,300 87,067 113,005 21,458
Total Assets	\$	450,948	\$	177,882	\$ 628,830
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Due to other fund Salaries and wages payable Total liabilities	\$ \$	5,341 113,005 85,434 203,780	\$	- - - -	\$ 5,341 113,005 85,434 203,780
Fund Balances: Restricted Capital Outlays Nonspendable Deposits Unassigned	\$	22,190 21,458 203,520	\$	- - 177,882	\$ 22,190 21,458 381,402
Total fund balances		247,168		177,882	 425,050
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	450,948	\$	177,882	\$ 628,830

## STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSISTION JUNE 30, 2022

Total fund balances- Governmental funds	\$	425,050
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
1	76,330 90,051)	1,486,279
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds		
Lease liability		(1,001,992)
Total Net Position - governmental activities	\$	909,337

## STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2022

JUNES	0,2022		Total	
	General	Governmental		
	Fund	Fund	Funds	
Revenues				
	* • • • • • • • • • •		<b>*</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
School Board of Miami- Dade County - FTE	\$ 2,127,513	\$ -	\$ 2,127,513	
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	518,916	518,916	
Capital Grant and Other Contributions	196,150	-	196,150	
Miscellaneous Revenues	54,988		54,988	
Total Revenues	2,378,651	518,916	2,897,567	
Expenditures				
Instruction	620,851	68,695	689,546	
Pupil Personnel Services	83,853	-	83,853	
Instruction and Curriculum Development Service	2,788	_	2,788	
Instructional Staff Training Services	5,200		5,200	
School Board	5,152	-	5,152	
General Administration	89,696	-	89,696	
School Administration	400,339	-	400,339	
Fiscal Services	182,397	_	182,397	
Food Services	102,397	127,195	182,397	
Student Transportation Services	29,930	127,195	29,930	
Operation of Plant	400,933	943	401,876	
Maintenance of Plant	23,287	745		
	25,267	-	23,287	
Debt Service:				
Principal	327,585	-	327,585	
Interest and other charges	19,391	-	19,391	
Capital outlay:				
Leased property, equipment and computers	1,657,074	135,041	1,792,115	
Total current expenditures	3,848,476	331,874	4,180,350	
Excess (Deficit) of revenues over expenditures	(1,469,825)	187,042	(1,282,783)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
The issuance of long-term debt (lease liabilities and applicable Interest) provides current financial resources and the payment of the principal of long-term debt				
consumes the resources of the governmental funds.	1,329,577		1,329,577	
Net Changes in Fund Balances (Deficit)	(140,248)	187,042	46,794	
Fund Balances (Deficit) - July 1, 2021	387,416	(9,160)	378,256	
Fund Balances - June 30, 2022	\$ 247,168	\$ 177,882	\$ 425,050	
	+ 217,100	+ 111,002	+ 120,000	

## STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES JUNE 30, 2022

Total net changes in fund balance - governmental funds		\$	46,794
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.			
Cost of capital assets purchased Provision for depreciation	\$ 1,792,115 (597,438)	_	1,194,677
The issuance of long-term liabilities provides current financial resources and the payment of the principal of long-term liabilities consumes the resources of the governmental funds.			
Lease debt issuance			(1,001,992)
Change in Net Position of governmental activities		\$	239,479

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Reporting entity**

Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. (the "Academy") operates as a Charter School pursuant to a Charter School Contract ("the Contract") with the District School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida ("the District"). Under the Contract, the Academy provides high school education to children who reside in Miami-Dade County. The governing body of the Academy is the Board of Directors, which is composed of three members.

The Academy is a non-profit organization and is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The general operating authority of the Academy is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The current charter is effective until June 30, 2025. The charter may be renewed as provided in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, upon mutual consent of the parties and execution of a written renewal. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter in which case the District is required to notify the Academy in writing at least 90 days prior to the charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units which should be reported within the Academy's basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provide for identification of any entities for which the Academy is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Academy are such that exclusion would cause the Academy's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of the Academy. The Academy is a component unit of the District.

#### **Government-wide and fund financial statements**

The government-wide financial statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of activities. These statements report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the Academy. The effects of interfund activities have been removed from the Govt.-wide financial statements. Both statements report only governmental activities as the Academy does not engage in any business type activities.

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Government-wide and fund financial statements (continued)**

Net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, as presented in the statement of net position, are subdivided into three categories: amounts invested in capital assets, restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. Net position are reported as restricted when constraints are imposed on the use of the amounts either externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or enabling legislation.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between the direct and indirect expenses of a given function and its program revenues and displays the extent to which each function contributes to the change in net position for the fiscal year. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable to a specific function. Indirect expenses are costs the Academy has allocated to various functions. Program revenues consist of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions. Charges for services refer to amounts received from those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Grants and contributions consist of revenues that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Revenues not classified as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions establishes the following classifications depicting the relative strength of the constraints that control how specific amounts can be spent:

• Nonspendable fund balance - includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact and that are not expected to be converted to cash. The nonspendable fund balance includes deposits totaling \$21,458 at June 30, 2022.

• Restricted fund balance - includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation. Effectively, restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers. The Restricted fund balance as of June 30, 2022 is \$22,190. Relating to Capital Outlays.

• Committed fund balance - includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Academy's highest level of decision- making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Academy taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. There is no committed fund balance at June 30, 2022.

#### **NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

#### **Government-wide and fund financial statements (continued)**

- Assigned fund balance comprises amounts intended to be used by the Academy for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund. There is no assigned fund balance at June 30, 2022.
- Unassigned fund balance the residual classification for the general fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose. If another governmental fund has a fund balance deficit, then it will be reported as a negative amount in the unassigned classification in that fund. Positive unassigned amounts will be reported only in the general fund. The unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2022 is \$403,592.

Separate fund financial statements report detailed information about the Academy's governmental funds. The focus of the governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Therefore, major funds are reported in separate columns on the fund financial statements. All of the Academy's funds were deemed major funds. A reconciliation is provided that converts the results of governmental fund accounting to the government - wide presentation.

#### Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred.

All governmental fund financial statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, considered to be sixty days. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued)

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, principal and interest on general long-term debt is recorded as expenditures only when payment is due.

The Academy's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Accordingly, the financial statements are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an accounting entity having a self-balancing set of accounts for recording assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures, and other financing sources and uses.

Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The Academy reports the following major governmental funds:

<u>General Fund</u> — the general operating fund of the Academy. It is used to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund.

<u>Grant Fund</u> – to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. This fund includes the TITLE I, ESSER, and Lunch Reimbursements from the National School lunch Program.

The Academy has a revenue spending policy that provides policy for programs with multiple revenue sources. The board of directors will use resources in the following hierarchy: debt proceeds, federal funds, state funds, local non-city funds, city funds and funds passed through the District. For purposes of fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The board of directors has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Academy.

#### **Budgetary basis of accounting**

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

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### <u>Cash</u>

Cash is made up of cash on hand at the Academy and/or checking and money market accounts held at one financial institution. The Academy has no cash equivalents.

#### **Capital assets**

Capital assets, which includes leased property, computers and equipment, are reported on the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Academy as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life of more than two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Academy recorded net capital assets of \$1,486,279.

Property, plant and equipment of the Academy is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Type	Estimated Useful Life
Furniture, Fixtures, and equipment	5-7
Computers	3
Leased Property	4 (based on lease term)

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

#### **Revenue sources**

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the State of Florida passed through the District to the Academy pursuant to the funding provisions included in the Academy's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes, the Academy reports the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of FTE students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Funding for the Academy is adjusted during the year to reflect revised calculations by the FDE under the FEFP and actual weighted FTE students reported by the Academy during designated FTE student survey periods.

The Academy receives federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. These federal awards may have requirements whereby the issuance of grant funds is withheld until qualifying expenditures are incurred. Revenues for these awards are recognized only to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred. Additionally, other revenues may be derived from various fundraising activities and certain other programs.

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Use of estimates**

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

#### **Income taxes**

The Academy is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

The Academy adopted the provisions of FASB ASC 740 (formerly FASB Interpretation No. 48 Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48). Under FASB ASC 740, an organization must recognize the tax benefit associated with tax positions taken for tax return purposes when it is more likely than not the position will be sustained. The implementation of ACS 740 had no impact on the Academy's financial statements. The Academy does not believe there are any uncertain tax positions and, accordingly, it will not recognize any liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

The Academy is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Academy's federal income tax returns remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions.

## **NOTE B - CONCENTRATIONS**

#### Cash

Under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, the Academy's deposits must be placed in banks and savings and loans which are qualified as public depositories. The Academy maintains cash deposits at a bank in Florida. Deposits at the bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000. Monies deposited in amounts greater than the insurance coverage are secured by the banks pledging securities with the State Treasurer and collateral pool. As of June 30, 2022, the cash held was not over the uninsured bank deposit balances.

#### **NOTE B – CONCENTRATIONS (Cont.)**

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represent outstanding reimbursements from the following programs below. As of June 30, 2022, the receivable balance is \$87,067.

ESSER	\$ 47,516
National School Lunch Program	17,360
Capital Outlay	22,190
Total	\$ 87,067

## **NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2021		Additions		Additions		Additions				etions	Balance ne 30, 2022
Leased property Computer Furniture, Fixtures, and	\$	152,573	\$	1,310,186 57,850	\$	-	\$ 1,310,186 210,423					
Equipment		531,642		424,079		-	 955,721					
		684,215		1,792,115		-	2,476,330					
Less: Accumulated												
Depreciation		(392,613)		(597,438)		-	 (990,051)					
Total	\$	291,602	\$	1,194,677	\$	-	\$ 1,486,279					

Depreciation expense of \$597,438 was charged to the basic instruction function for the year ended June 30, 2022.

## **NOTE D – LONG TERM LIABILITIES**

On July 1, 2021, The Academy entered into a lease with an Organization for its administrative and classroom space under a non-cancelable operating lease. The lease expires June 30, 2025. Rental expenses under operating leases for the year ended June 30, 2022, were approximately \$327,585. The changes in long term liabilities are presented below, followed by the future payments for lease liabilities

Description	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
Lease Liability	-	1,310,186	(308,194)	1,001,992

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	
June 30,	payments	Payments	Total
2023	329,103	14,829	343,932
2024	333,973	9,959	343,932
2025	338,916	5,016	343,932
Total	\$ 1,001,992	\$ 29,804	\$ 1,031,796

#### NOTE D - LONG TERM LIABILITIES (Cont.)

On July 1, 2021 The Academy entered into a sublease agreement with a Lessee on a month to month basis. The Academy Leases a few classrooms which are explained in the lease agreement. The payment is due at the first of each month for \$4,011.

#### NOTE E – MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

The Charter school has contracted with School Tristar Leadership for administrative and educational management services for the operation of the school. All personnel are employees of the Charter School. The contract expires in June 30, 2024 and provides a base fee which is \$8,909 monthly. The fees paid to the management company for the year ended June 30, 2022, amounted to \$106,911.

#### NOTE F - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Academy purchases commercial insurance for all material risks of loss to which the Academy is exposed, including general liability, property and workers' compensation.

#### NOTE G – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 9, 2022, which is the date the financial statements became available to be issued.

Covid 19 is an ongoing issue and responses by federal, state, and local governments have included stay-at-home orders, school closures, and restrictions on public gatherings, travel, and non-essential businesses and services that have adversely affected workforces, economies, and financial markets resulting in significant economic downturn and volatility in investment markets. The heightened market risk and volatility associated with COVID-19 could materially the amounts reported in accompanying financial statements. Because of the uncertainty of the markets, management is unable to estimate the impact the pandemic will have.

## NOTE H- NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS IMPLEMENTED

GASB has issued GASB Statement No. 87 Leases, effective this fiscal year 2022, which affects the financial position, results of operations, and financial presentation of the School now that it is implemented. GASB 87 establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and a right of use asset.

Under the new guidance, a lessee should recognize a lease liability and a leased asset at the commencement of the lease term, unless the lease is a short-term lease or it transfers ownership of the underlying asset. The lease liability should be measured at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term (less any lease incentives). The leased asset should be measured at the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability, plus any payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term and certain direct costs.

A lessee should reduce the lease liability as payments are made and recognize an outflow of resources (for example, expense) for interest on the liability. The lessee should amortize the leased asset in a systematic and rational manner over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset. The notes to financial statements should include a description of leasing arrangements, the amount of leased assets recognized, and a schedule of future lease payments to be made. See Note D for the lease implementation.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** 

# STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC. SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GENERAL FUND AND GRANT FUND JUNE 30,2022 (UNAUDITED)

## **GENERAL FUND**

Revenues: School Board of Miami- Dade County - FTE Capital grants and contributions Miscellaneous revenues	Final Budget \$ 1,875,012 274,210 48,125	Actual Amounts \$ 2,127,513 196,150 54,988	Variances Positive (Negative) \$ 252,501 (78,060) 6.863
Total revenues	2,197,347	2,378,651	181,304
Expenditures Instruction	641,445	620,851	20,594
Pupil Personnel Services	121,136	83,853	37,283
Instruction and Curriculum Development Service	-	2,788	(2,788)
Instructional Staff Training Services	-	5,200	(5,200)
School Board	26,500	5,152	21,348
General Administration	86,420	89,696	(3,276)
School Administration	347,566	400,339	(52,773)
Fiscal Services	195,000	182,397	12,603
Student transportation services	28,000	29,930	(1,930)
Operation of Plant	720,180	400,933	319,247
Maintenance of Plant	42,678	23,287	19,391
Debt Service			
Principal	-	327,585	(327,585)
Interest	-	19,391	(19,391)
Leased Property, Furniture and Equipment	-	1,657,074	(1,657,074)
Total expenditures	2,208,925	3,848,476	(1,639,551)
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (11,578)	\$ (1,469,825)	\$ (1,458,247)

## **GRANT FUND**

GRANT FUND						
	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variances Positive (Negative)			
Revenues:						
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 234,049	\$ 518,916	\$ 284,867			
Total revenues	234,049	518,916	284,867			
Instruction	339,887	68,695	271,192			
Food Services	80,000	127,195	(47,195)			
Furniture and Equipment	-	135,041	(135,041)			
Operation of Plant		943	(943)			
Total expenditures	419,887	331,874	88,013			
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (185,838)	\$ 187,042	\$ 372,880			

## STELLAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION JUNE 30, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

## **Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

An annual budget is adopted on the Budgets modified accrual basis of accounting, consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Amendments to the budget can only be made with the approval of the Board of Directors. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries, purchased services, and capital outlay).

## NOTE A.

The Charter School formally adopted a budget for the year ended June 30, 2022. Budgeted amounts may be amended by resolution or ordinance by the Board. A comparison of the actual results of operations to the budgeted amounts for the General Fund is presented as required supplementary information.

## NOTE B.

The budget is adopted using the same basis of accounting on which the financial statements are prepared except for a 5% administrative charge up to the first 250 students that is retained by the School Board of Miami-Dade County.



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

To the Board of Directors Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. Miami, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained *in Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.(the "Academy"), a component unit of the Miami-Dade County District School Board, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.'s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 2022.

## **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy'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 financial statements. 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*.

## **Purpose of this Report**

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

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

Thomas & Company CPA PH

Thomas & Company CPA PA Cooper City, Florida September 9, 2022



## MANAGEMENT LETTER REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.850 RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

To the Board of Directors Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. Miami, Florida

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc. (the "Academy"), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 2022

## Auditor's Responsibility

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

## **Other Reports and Schedules**

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report and schedule, which is dated September 9, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

## **Prior Audit Findings**

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations in the preceding annual financial audit report.

#### **Official Title**

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity are of Stellar Leadership Academy, Inc.- 7015.

## **Management Letter - Continued**

#### **Financial Condition and Management**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific conditions met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and the review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.854(1)(e)(3), Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

#### **Transparency**

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

#### **Additional Matters**

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, waste, 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 warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not note any such findings.

#### **Purpose of this letter**

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

Thomas & Compuny CPA PH

Thomas & Company CPA PA Cooper City, Florida September 9, 2022