

# Mater Palms Academy W/L# 0185

(A charter school under Mater Academy Central, Inc. and a component unit of The School District of Osceola County)

Kissimmee, FL

Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report June 30, 2020

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401 South Poinciana Boulevard Kissimmee, FL 34746

# 2019-2020

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Mater Palms Academy Kissimmee, Florida

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Palms Academy (the "School"), a charter school under Mater Academy Central, Inc., which is a component unit of The School District of Osceola County, as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

# Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

#### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Palms Academy as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

As described in Note 1, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present only the financial position of Mater Palms Academy as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, and is not intended to be a complete presentation of Mater Academy Central, Inc. These financial statements do not purport to and do not present fairly the financial position of Mater Academy Central, Inc., as of June 30, 2020 and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 8 and 29 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 18, 2020 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting.

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS** 

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Coral Gables, Florida September 18, 2020

# **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Mater Palms Academy
(A Charter School Under Mater Academy Central, Inc.)
June 30, 2020

The corporate officers of Mater Palms Academy have prepared this narrative overview and analysis of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- 1. The net position of the School at June 30, 2020 was \$101,677.
- 2. At year-end, the School had current assets on hand of \$586,524.
- 3. The School had an increase in its net position of \$19,388 for the year 2020.
- 4. The unassigned fund balance at year end was \$266,118.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the School's basic financial statements. The School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020 are presented in accordance with GASB Codification Section 2200. The financial statements have three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

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

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

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

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 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 major governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the major governmental funds 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 - 28 of this report.

# **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a charter school's financial position. In the case of the School, the net position was \$101,677 at the close of the fiscal year. A summary of the School's net position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 follows:

	2020	2019		
Cash	\$ 36,777	\$ 19,462		
Investments	445,000	552,000		
Prepaid expenses	48,073	109,626		
Due from other agencies	56,674	108,676		
Deposits receivable	13,900	13,900		
Capital assets, net	546,787	811,027		
Total Assets	1,147,211	1,614,691		
Deferred outflows of resources	-	-		
Accounts payable	175,526	130,071		
Due to affiliates	-	192,713		
Salaries and wages payable	96,807	86,466		
Notes payable	773,201	400,000		
Due to Mater Academy, Inc.	<u>-</u> _	723,152		
Total Liabilities	1,045,534	1,532,402		
Deferred inflows of resources	-	-		
Net Position:				
Net investment in capital assets	244,224	337,460		
Unrestricted	(142,547)	(255,171)		
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$ 101,677	\$ 82,289		

At the end of both fiscal years, the School is able to report positive balances in total net position.

A summary and analysis of the School's revenues and expenses for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 follows.

	2020	2019	
REVENUES			
Program Revenues			
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 142,182	\$ 289,030	
Capital Outlay Funding	529,086	431,001	
Charges for Services	140,582	127,987	
General Revenues			
Local Sources (FTE and other non specific)	4,918,378	3,648,575	
Other Revenues	35,485	85,950	
Total Revenues	\$ 5,765,713	\$ 4,582,543	
EXPENSES			
Instruction	\$ 2,603,947	\$ 2,086,299	
Student support services	35,506	37,877	
Instructional staff training	8,186	14,012	
Board	54,686	33,732	
School administration	777,694	565,018	
Fiscal services	106,350	82,245	
Food services	1,830	5,224	
Central services	145,009	113,162	
Student transportation	73,505	79,670	
Operation of plant	1,612,360	1,322,608	
Maintenance of plant	148,977	74,475	
Administrative technology services	23,505	46,615	
Community services	132,281	125,700	
Interest	22,489	4,356	
Total Expenses	5,746,325	4,590,993	
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	19,388	(8,450)	
Net Position at Beginning of Year	82,289	90,739	
Net Position at End of Year	\$ 101,677	\$ 82,289	

The School's revenue and expenditures increased by \$1,183,170 and \$1,155,332, respectively, due to an increase in enrollment. The School had an increase in its net position of \$19,388 for the year.

# **Lease of Facility**

The School leases a facility located at 401 South Poinciana Boulevard Kissimmee, FL 34746.

# **Capital Improvements Requirements**

The School maintains a continuous capital improvements program to enhance facilities and update fixtures and equipment as required.

### Accomplishments

In 2020, Mater Palms Academy completed its third year of operation, serving 709 students in Osceola County, FL.

Last year, the school earned a letter grade of "A" under the State of Florida Accountability Program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Florida Department of Education suspended state-mandated assessments for the 2020 school year.

Mater Palms' opening in August of 2017 marked Mater's second school in Osceola County, serving a K-8 student population.

Mater Palms awakens every student's natural curiosity, developing and fostering a love for learning. The school prepares students to meet challenges and inspires them to excel.

Mater Palms implements a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum with an enhanced STEM focus through Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Technology-rich classrooms are used to augment learning with the most sophisticated and research-based teaching practices. Students are exposed to the latest technological tools such as Promethean Boards, net books, and image document cameras, and are encouraged to interact by creating their own documents, presentations, and web programs.

MPA provides students of Osceola County with a superb educational choice that offers an innovative, rigorous, and seamless K-8 curriculum serving as a foundation for a successful college preparatory high school experience. The school is committed to a core philosophy focused on students' intellectual and social development, thereby offering a disciplined, balanced, and enriched education of the highest quality.

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

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

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

#### **Governmental Funds**

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

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

At the end of the fiscal year, the School's governmental general fund reported ending fund balance of \$314,191. The fund balance unassigned and available for spending at the School's discretion is \$266,118. These funds will be available for the School's future ongoing operations.

# **Capital Assets**

The School's investment in capital assets as of June 30, 2020 amounts to \$546,787 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes building improvements,

audio visual equipment and furniture, equipment, and textbooks. The School has \$773,201 in long term debt associated to capital assets and working capital.

# **Governmental Fund Budget Analysis and Highlights**

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

	Governmental Fund					
	Original					
	Budget	Final Budget	Actual			
REVENUES						
Program Revenues						
Capital grants and contributions	\$ 437,500	\$ 537,401	\$ 529,086			
Federal sources	62,097	142,244	142,182			
General Revenues						
FTE and other nonspecific revenues	4,890,020	4,902,974	4,918,378			
Charges and other revenues	69,150	163,783	176,067			
Total Revenues	\$ 5,458,767	\$ 5,746,402	\$ 5,765,713			
CURRENT EXPENDITURES						
Component Unit Activities						
Instruction	\$ 2,474,857	\$ 2,434,138	\$ 2,403,929			
Student support services	40,436	41,810	35,506			
Instructional staff training	10,000	9,520	8,186			
Board	41,063	56,513	54,686			
School administration	661,278	779,910	775,091			
Fiscal services	104,250	106,350	106,350			
Food services	250	250	230			
Central services	143,250	146,050	144,802			
Student transportation	120,000	75,000	73,505			
Operation of plant	1,519,019	1,589,780	1,542,325			
Maintenance of plant	87,950	149,950	148,977			
Administrative technology services	14,114	23,500	23,505			
Community services	85,189	135,000	132,281			
Total Current Expenditures	\$ 5,301,656	\$ 5,547,771	\$ 5,449,373			

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

### **Requests for Information**

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

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

	Governmental
	Activities
<u>Assets</u>	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 36,777
Investments	445,000
Prepaid expenses	48,073
Due from other agencies	56,674
	586,524
Deposits	13,900
Capital assets	1,200,681
Less: accumulated depreciation	(653,894)
·	546,787
Total Assets	1,147,211_
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Liabilities	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	175,526
Salaries and wages payable	96,807
Notes payable, current portion	516,103
	788,436
Notes payable to financial instituion	257,098
Total Liabilities	1,045,534
Total Entonities	1,013,551
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	244,224
Unrestricted	(142,547)
Total Net Position	\$ 101,677
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Statement of Activities For the year ended June 30, 2020

# **Program Revenues**

		Charges for	Operating Grants and	Capital Grants and	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes
FUNCTIONS	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	in Net Position
Governmental activities:					
Instruction	\$ 2,603,947	\$ -	\$ 142,182	\$ -	\$ (2,461,765)
Student support services	35,506	-	-	-	(35,506)
Instructional staff training	8,186	-	-	-	(8,186)
Board	54,686	-	-	-	(54,686)
School administration	777,694	-	-	-	(777,694)
Fiscal services	106,350	-	-	-	(106,350)
Food services	1,830	-	-	-	(1,830)
Central services	145,009	-	-	-	(145,009)
Student transportation	73,505	-	-	-	(73,505)
Operation of plant	1,612,360	-	-	529,086	(1,083,274)
Maintenance of plant	148,977	-	-	-	(148,977)
Administrative technology services	23,505	-	-	-	(23,505)
Community services	132,281	140,582	-	-	8,301
Interest	22,489	-	-	-	(22,489)
Total governmental activities	5,746,325	140,582	142,182	529,086	(4,934,475)
	General rever	nues:			
	FTE and other		revenues		4,918,378
	Interest and	•			35,485
			~		
	Change in ne	t position			19,388
	Net position,	beginning			82,289
	Net position,	ending			\$ 101,677

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds June 30, 2020

			Other non major		Total		
	General Fund		General Fund governmental		Governmental		
				funds	Funds		
Assats							
Assets Cook	¢	26777	Φ		Φ	26 777	
Cash	\$	36,777	\$	-	\$	36,777	
Investments		445,000		-		445,000	
Due from other agencies		-		56,674		56,674	
Due from fund		56,674		-		56,674	
Prepaid expenses		48,073		_		48,073	
Total Assets		586,524		56,674		643,198	
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		-		-			
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts payable		175,526		-		175,526	
Due to affiliates		_		-		-	
Salaries and wages payable		96,807		-		96,807	
Due to fund		_		56,674		56,674	
Total Liabilities		272,333		56,674		329,007	
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		-		-		-	
Fund Balance							
Nonspendable, not in spendable form		48,073		_		48,073	
Unassigned		266,118		_		266,118	
		314,191	-			314,191	
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of		- 7				, ,	
Resources and Fund Balance	\$	586,524	\$	56,674	\$	643,198	

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2020

Total Fund Balance -	Governmental	Funds
Total Lund Dalance	Oovermileman	1 unus

\$ 314,191

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

Capital assets of \$1,200,681 net of accumulated depreciation of \$653,894 used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund.

546,787

Long term debt in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

(773,201)

Long term deposits in governmental activites are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

13,900

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities

\$ 101,677

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds For the year ended June  $30,\,2020$ 

General Fund	Other non major governmental funds	Total Governmental Funds		
\$4,918,378	\$ - 529,086	\$ 4,918,378 529,086		
- 176.067	142,182	142,182		
170,007	<del></del>	176,067		
5,094,445	671,268	5,765,713		
2,261,747	142.182	2,403,929		
	-	35,506		
54,686	_	54,686		
8,186	-	8,186		
775,091	-	775,091		
106,350	-	106,350		
230	-	230		
144,802	-	144,802		
73,505	-	73,505		
1,013,239	529,086	1,542,325		
148,977	-	148,977		
23,505	-	23,505		
132,281	-	132,281		
10,223	-	10,223		
-		102,480		
		22,489		
4,788,328	796,237_	5,584,565		
306,117	(124,969)	181,148		
(124,969)	124,969	-		
475,681	-	475,681		
(723,152)		(723,152)		
(66,323)	-	(66,323)		
380,514		380,514		
\$ 314,191	\$ -	\$ 314,191		
	\$4,918,378 176,067 5,094,445 2,261,747 35,506 54,686 8,186 775,091 106,350 230 144,802 73,505 1,013,239 148,977 23,505 132,281 10,223 	General Fund         governmental funds           \$4,918,378         -           -         529,086           -         142,182           176,067         -           5,094,445         671,268           2,261,747         142,182           35,506         -           54,686         -           8,186         -           775,091         -           106,350         -           230         -           144,802         -           73,505         -           1,013,239         529,086           148,977         -           23,505         -           132,281         -           -         102,480           22,489           4,788,328         796,237           306,117         (124,969)           475,681         -           (723,152)         -           (66,323)         -           380,514         -		

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, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds

\$ (66,323)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays of \$10,223 exceeded depreciation expense of \$274,463

(264,240)

The proceeds from debt issuance provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities int he statement of net position. This is the amount by which proceeds of \$475,681 differed from repayments of \$825,632

349,951

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 19,388

 $\label{eq:Statement of Net Position - Fiduciary Funds} \\ \textit{June 30, 2020}$ 

	Agency Fund School's Internal Account
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	\$ 80
Total Assets	80
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	
Liabilities	
Due to students and clubs	80
Total Liabilities	80
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	
Net Position	\$ -

# **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### Reporting Entity

Mater Palms Academy (the "School"), is a component unit of the School District of Osceola County, Florida (the "District"). The School's charter is held by Mater Academy Central, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. The governing body of the School is the board of directors of Mater Academy Central, Inc., which is composed of four members and also governs other charter schools. Mater Academy Central, Inc. is a single member entity controlled by Mater Academy, Inc. Both entities have board of director members in common. The board of directors has determined that no component unit exists that would require inclusion in the School's financial statements.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter granted by the sponsoring district, the School District of Osceola County, Florida. The current charter expires on June 30, 2021 and it can be renewed in accordance with law. A charter can also be terminated before its date of expiration for reasons set forth in the charter and Section 1002.33 of the Florida Statutes.

The School is located in Kissimmee, Florida for students from kindergarten to eighth grade. These financial statements are for the year ended June 30, 2020, when on average 709 students were enrolled for the school year.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The School's accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States applicable to state and local governments. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Accordingly, the basic financial statements include both the government-wide and fund financial statements

### Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

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

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity.

#### **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

Program revenues include: (1) charges for services and student activity fees; (2) operating grants such as, Federal grants, and other state allocations; and (3) capital grants specific to capital outlay. In addition, revenues not classified as program revenues are shown as general revenues, which include Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) revenues and other miscellaneous sources.

#### Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

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

The School recognizes assets of non-exchange transactions in the period when the underlying transaction occurs, when an enforceable legal claim has arisen, or when all eligibility requirements are met. Revenues are recognized, on the modified accrual basis, when they are measurable and available. Non-exchange transactions occur when the School provides (or receives) value to (from) another party without receiving (or giving) equal or nearly equal value in return. Most donations are examples of non-exchange transactions. Revenues from grants and donations are recognized on the accrual basis, in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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

# **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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

Fiduciary Funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

# **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

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

#### Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, non-marketable time deposits with maturities of three months or less when purchased, and money market/savings accounts.

The School has not adopted a formal deposit and investment policy that limits the School's allowable deposits or investments and address specific types of risk; however the School invests excess deposit funds in a government money market mutual fund. The School has adopted GASB Codification Section 3100 Fair Value Measurement and Application (see Note 2).

#### **Inter-fund Transfers**

Inter-fund receivables/payables ("due from/to") are short-term balances that representreimbursements between funds for payments made by one fund on behalf of another fund.

#### Due from Other Governments or Agencies

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

#### Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

#### **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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

#### Capital Assets

The School's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than one year are stated at historical cost and comprehensively reported in the statement of net position in the government-wide financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value on the date donated. The School generally capitalizes assets with costs of \$1,000 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 sold or disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in the governmentwide statements. Proceeds received from the sale or disposal of capital assets are recorded as Other Financing Sources in the governmental funds. Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Building and improvements 5 Years Furniture, equipment, textbooks, and Audio Visual Equipment 3-5 Years

#### Compensated Absences

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

GASB Codification Section C60, Accounting for Compensated Absences, provides that compensated absences that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee should be accounted for in the period those events take place. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include an accrual for compensated absences available to be used in future benefits years.

# **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

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.

#### Long-Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types report the face amount of debt issued as other financing sources.

#### Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the state through the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, the School will report the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of the full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the FEFP.

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

The School receives state funds through the District under charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. Funds are based on a capital outlay plan submitted to the District and are to be used for lease of school facilities. In addition, the School may receive a portion of the local capital improvement ad valorem tax revenues levied by the District.

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

# **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

## Net position and Fund Balance Classification

Government-wide financial statements

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

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

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for a specific purpose, it is the School's policy to use restricted resources first, until exhausted, before using unrestricted resources.

#### Fund financial statements

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

- a) Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not expected to be converted to cash or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Consists of fund balance associated with inventories and prepaid expenses.
- b) <u>Restricted</u> this classification includes fund balance category amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. There are no restricted fund balances at year end.
- c) <u>Committed</u> fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Directors. There are no committed fund balances at year end.
- d) <u>Assigned</u> fund balance classification that is intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. There are no assigned fund balances at year end.
- e) <u>Unassigned</u> portion of the fund balance that has not been restricted, committed or assigned for a specific purpose. This is the residual classification for the School's general fund.

Committed amounts would be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

# **Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

### Prepaid Expenses

Other assets consist mainly of prepaid expenses which are payments for goods or services that have not been consumed or used at year end. The expenditure will be recorded when the asset is used. Accordingly, prepaid expenses are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance classification.

#### Income Taxes

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

# Use of Estimates

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

# Subsequent Events

In accordance with GASB Codification Section 2250.106, the School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through September 18, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### **Note 2 – Cash and Investments**

#### **Deposits**

The School maintains its cash in one financial institution. As of June 30, 2020, the School's deposits consisted of cash balances of \$33,803.

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 Central, Inc., which also operates various other charter schools. All bank accounts are opened under the account ownership of Mater Academy Central, Inc., therefore, bank balances at times may potentially be in excess of FDIC coverage. As of June 30, 2020, bank balances in potential excess of FDIC coverage was \$38,683, including fiduciary account bank balances.

# <u>Investments</u>

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

#### Note 2 – Cash and Investments (continued)

At June 30, 2020, the School has the following recurring fair value measurements:

• Government money market mutual fund of \$500,000 valued using Level 2 inputs

The government money market mutual fund values its portfolio securities at amortized cost which approximates fair value. The government money market mutual fund primarily invests in cash, high quality, short-term U.S. government securities and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully by government securities that have been valued by the fund as Level 2. As of June 30, 2020, maturities of the fund's portfolio holdings are approximately 63% within 30 days.

#### Credit Risk

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of investments in a single issuer. The School manages its exposure to credit risk by limiting investments to highly rated government money market mutual funds. The fund is rated Aaa-mf by Moody's.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution or counterparty that is in possession of investment or collateral securities, the School will not be able to recover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School will not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2020, all of the School's investments in government money market mutual funds were held in a separate account and designated as assets of the School.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rate will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The School manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting all investments to government money market mutual funds that can be redeemed daily.

#### Note 3 – Education Service and Support Provider

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

The agreement is with Mater Academy Central, Inc., through June 30, 2020, and unless terminated by the board shall be renewed along with any renewals to the charter agreement. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the School incurred \$319,050 in fees related to this agreement of which approximately \$73,000 was included in accounts payable at year end.

# **Note 4 – Capital Assets**

The following schedule provides a summary of changes in capital assets, acquired substantially with public funds, for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	I	Balance					]	Balance
		07/01/19	A	dditions	Disp	osals	(	06/30/20
Capital assets, depreciable:								
Buildings and Improvements	\$	44,870	\$	-	\$	-	\$	44,870
Audiovisual equipment		43,901		-		-		43,901
Furniture, equipment and textbooks		1,101,687		10,223				1,111,910
Total Capital Assets	\$	1,190,458	\$	10,223	\$	-	\$	1,200,681
Less Accumulated Depreciation:								
Buildings and Improvements	\$	(14,838)	\$	(8,974)	\$	-	\$	(23,812)
Audiovisual equipment		(13,318)		(8,781)		-		(22,099)
Furniture, equipment and textbooks		(351,275)		(256,708)				(607,983)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	(379,431)	\$	(274,463)	\$	-	\$	(653,894)
Capital Assets, net	\$	811,027	\$	(264,240)	\$	-	\$	546,787

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, depreciation expense is allocated in the Statement of Activities by function as follows:

Instruction	\$ 200,018
School administration	2,603
Food services	1,600
Central services	207
Operation of plant	70,035
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 274,463

# Note 5 – Transactions with Mater Academy, Inc.

As described in Note 1, Mater Academy Central, Inc. and Mater Academy, Inc. are affiliated entities. Mater Academy Inc charges to its affiliated schools an assessment for shared corporate costs and accreditation expenses. Mater Palms Academy paid \$106,350 in connection with these charges during the year.

# **Note 5 – Transactions with Mater Academy, Inc. (continued)**

In prior years, the School has received total recoverable grants in the amount of \$600,000 for working capital from Mater Academy, Inc. Based on the terms of the agreement; repayment of the funds will be contingent upon the school meeting certain financial conditions. During 2020, the School met these criteria and repaid \$30,000. The maximum amunt the School may be required to pay in the future should the School continue to meet the requirements for repayment is \$570,000.

In prior years, the School received long-term, non-interest bearing advances from the corporate account of Mater Academy, Inc. The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term advances for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance			Balance	
	07/01/19	Advances	Repayments	06/30/20	
Mater Academy, Inc Corporate account	\$ 723,152	\$ -	\$ (723,152)	\$ -	
Total Long Term Debt	\$ 723,152	\$ -	\$ (723,152)	\$ -	

# Note 6 – Long term debt

The School shares a \$2,500,000 revolving line of credit from a financial institution for working capital purposes with Mater Brighton Lakes Academy, and Mater Academy St. Cloud, all charter schools under Mater Academy Central, Inc. The facility bears an interest rate of 1.95% per annum and is due in full with all accrued interest at the amended maturity date of February 1, 2021. The line of credit is secured by a certificate of deposit in the name of Mater Academy Inc. As of June 30, 2020, the outstanding balance that pertains to the School is \$400,000.

On July 9, 2019, the School, through Mater Academy Inc., obtained financing collateralized by equipment from a financial institution for a total amount of \$475,681. The terms require the loan to be repaid in 48 monthly installments that include principal and interest at a fixed interest rate of 3.95%. As of June 30, 2020 the balance due was at \$373,201. The following schedule provides a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance			Balance	
	07/01/19	Advances	Repayments	06/30/20	
Revolving line of credit	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000	
Note payable, equipment	<u>-</u>	475,681	(102,480)	373,201	
Total Long Term Debt	\$ 400,000	\$ 475,681	\$ (102,480)	\$ 773,201	

# Note 6 – Long term debt (continued)

Future minimum payments for long term debt are as follows:

Year	Principal	Interest
2021	\$ 516,103	\$ 12,654
2022	120,773	7,984
2023	125,631	3,127
2024	10,695	35
	\$ 773,202	\$ 23,800

The School's debt agreements contain various covenants, restrictions and financial test requirements. In the event an instance of default is not remedied, the maturity can be accelerated and / or the underlying collateral may be forfeited.

### Note 7 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations

On July 1, 2017, Mater Academy Central, Inc. entered into a lease agreement with Poinciana School Property, LLC., Landlord, on behalf of the School. The landlord is an affiliate of the School's education service and support provider (see Note 3). The charter school facility consists of approximately 50,578 rentable square feet. The term is through June 30, 2037, with the option to renew for two additional five-year terms. Initial fixed annual payments under this agreement (based on \$19.00, per square foot) are approximately \$960,982 plus additional property costs including repairs, maintenance and insurance, adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Under the agreement, Mater Academy Central, Inc. must meet certain requirements and covenants including maintaining a "Lease Payment Coverage Ratio" of not less than 1.10 to 1.00. For 2020, rent expense under this agreement totaled \$1,005,585, of which approximately \$27,000 is included in accounts payable at year end. Future minimum payments under the agreement, are as follows:

<u>Year</u>		
2021	\$ 1,011,362	
2022	\$ 1,011,362	
2023	\$ 1,011,362	
2024	\$ 1,011,362	
2025	\$ 1,011,362	
2026-2030	\$ 5,056,810	(total for five-year period)
2031-2035	\$ 5,056,810	(total for five-year period)
2036-2037	\$ 2,022,724	(total for two-year period)

# **Note 7 – Commitments, Contingencies, and Concentrations (continued)**

#### Contingencies and Concentrations

The School receives substantially all of its funding from the state through the District under the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which is based in part on a computation of the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students attending different instructional programs. The accuracy of FTE student data submitted by individual schools and used in the FEFP computations is subject to audit by the state and, if found to be in error, could result in refunds to the state or in decreases to future funding allocations. Additionally, the School receives various forms of federal, state and local funding which are subject to financial and compliance audits. It is the opinion of management that the amount of funding, if any, which may be remitted back to the state due to errors in the FTE student data or the amount of grant expenditures which may be disallowed by grantor agencies would not be material to the financial position of the School. Pursuant to the Charter School contract with the School District, the District withholds an administrative fee of 5% (or 2% if high performing) of the qualifying revenues of the School.

administrative fee of 5% (or 2% if high performing) of the qualifying revenues of the School. For the year ended June 30, 2020, administrative fees withheld by the School District totaled \$88,684.

The School entered into a food services agreement with the School District of Osceola County ("Sponsor") to provide a lunch program for its students. Revenues and expenses related to this program are recorded in the Sponsor's books and not reflected in the School's financial statements.

On January 21, 2020 the Centers for Disease Control and Preventions (CDC) confirmed the first case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. Pursuant to local emergency orders, the School converted to distance learning on March 13, 2020 for the remainder of the school year. As a result of these extraordinary circumstances, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act, a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill, was passed by the 116th U.S. Congress and signed into law in March 2020.

The ongoing spread of the new COVID-19 has become a threat to the global economy and financial markets. As a result of the pandemic, the school will begin the 2020-2021 school year under distance learning. The ultimate effect of Covid-19 on the School and its future operations cannot presently be determined.

#### **Note 8 – Inter-Fund Transfers**

		of the following:

	General Fund		Special Revenue Fund		Capital Projects Fund		Debt Service Fund (Non- Major)	
To fund debt service fund for principal and interest payments	\$	(124,969)	\$	-			\$	124,969
Total Transfers, net	\$	(124,969)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	124,969
Due from/ (Due to) balances consist of the following:								
Due to General Fund from Capital Projects Fund for capital outlay	\$	28,246	\$	-	\$	(28,246)	\$	-
Due to General Fund from Special Revenue Fund for Title I		28,428		(28,428)				
Total Due from/(Due to)	\$	56,674	\$	(28,428)	\$	(28,246)	\$	

# Note 9 – Risk Management

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

The School has entered into a strategic relationship with ADP TotalSource, Inc., a human resource management firm, typically known as "Professional Employer Organization" (PEO). Under a co-employment agreements, the PEO is the employer of record and is responsible for administering payroll, payroll taxes, provide employee benefits and assist with human resources and risk management. Accordingly, certain human resource related risks are transferred to the PEO. Nevertheless, the School may be subject to risks, including loss, penalties and fines related to employment practices, administrative error and omissions.

#### Note 10 – 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"), for the 2019-2020 school year the School matched 100% of the employee's contribution up to 4% of the employee's compensation. The School contributed to the Plan \$27,578 for the year ended June 30, 2020. The School does not exercise any control or fiduciary responsibility over the Plans' assets, which are administered by Voya Financial.



Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the year ended June 30,2020

			Ge	neral Fund			
	Original Budget		Fir	nal Budget	Actual		
REVENUES							
State passed through local	\$	4,890,020	\$	4,902,974	\$	4,918,378	
Charges and other revenue		69,150		163,783		176,067	
Total Revenues		4,959,170		5,066,757		5,094,445	
EXPENDITURES							
Current:							
Instruction		2,412,760		2,291,894		2,261,747	
Student support services		40,436		41,810		35,506	
Instructional staff training		10,000		9,520		8,186	
Board		41,063		56,513		54,686	
School administration		661,278		779,910		775,091	
Fiscal services		104,250		106,350		106,350	
Food services		250		250		230	
Central services		143,250		146,050		144,802	
Student transportation		120,000		75,000		73,505	
Operation of plant		1,081,519		1,052,379		1,013,239	
Maintenance of plant		87,950		149,950		148,977	
Administrative technology services		14,114		23,500		23,505	
Community services		85,189		135,000		132,281	
Total Current Expenditures		4,802,059		4,868,126		4,778,105	
Excess (deficit) of Revenues							
Over Current Expenditures		157,111		198,631		316,340	
Capital Outlay		10,250		10,250		10,223	
Total Expenditures		4,812,309		4,878,376		4,788,328	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures		146,861		188,381		306,117	
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers in (out)		(125,450)		(125,480)		(124,969)	
Proceeds from long term debt		475,000		475,000		475,681	
Repayment of advances from other divisions		(723,500)		(723,500)		(723,152)	
Net change in fund balance		(227,089)		(185,599)		(66,323)	
Fund Balance at beginning of year		380,514		380,514		380,514	
Fund Balance at end of year	\$	153,425	\$	194,915	\$	314,191	

### Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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



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

To the Board of Directors of Mater Palms Academy Kissimmee, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mater Palms Academy (the "School"), as of, and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2020.

# **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

We issued a separate management letter dated September 18, 2020 pursuant to Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

#### **Purpose of This Report**

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

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS** 

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Coral Gables, Florida September 18, 2020



#### MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Directors of Mater Palms Academy Kissimmee, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of Mater Palms Academy, Kissimmee, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and have issued our report thereon dated September 18, 2020.

#### **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 Reporting Requirements**

We have issued our Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards. Disclosures in those reports and schedules, which are dated September 18, 2020, 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.

Corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

#### **Official Title**

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires 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 is Mater Palms Academy, 0185.

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

Section 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 Mater Palms Academy has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that Mater Palms Academy 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 Mater Palms Academy. It is management's responsibility to monitor Mater Palms Academy 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 address in the management letter any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we have the following recommendation:

#### ML – 2020-01 AFTERCARE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS

Criteria: The School designed and implemented an internal control system to reduce

the risk of misappropriation of assets and/or cash receipts by establishing a

general policy regarding the collection of funds.

Condition: We noted several exceptions during our testing, including: The school did not

reconcile aftercare revenues and/or deposits with student attendance records and payments received, support for deposits was missing and there was no

accounts receivable schedule maintained.

Cause: The condition results from school personnel not consistently adhering to the

policies and procedures regarding the collection of funds as detailed in the

handbook.

Effect: Failure to perform the procedures mentioned above could result in

misappropriation of cash receipts.

Recom-

mendation: We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and

procedures relating to the internal accounts so that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed, and reconciled to the amount deposited in the bank account. In addition, we recommend the School's treasurer and staff accepting cash receipts be provided additional internal

account training to ensure compliance with these policies.

Views of Responsible

Officials: See attached management response

#### **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 Mater Palms Academy maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that Mater Palms Academy 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 that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

#### **Status of Prior Year Findings and Recommendations:**

#### ML – 19-01 CAPITAL ASSETS

Recom-

mendation: We recommend that the School performs an annual inventory of all capital

assets and reconcile to the capital asset ledgers recorded on the School's

books.

Status: The School has adopted revised financial policies and procedures

regarding capital assets to include a formal process of reconciling the

capital asset inventory report to the School's trial balance.

#### ML – 19-02 INTERNAL ACCOUNT DISBURSEMENTS

Recom-

mendation: We noted that the School is not consistely using purchase orders and that the

majority of the ones on file were dated with a date after the invoice for goods or services was received. We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and procedures relating to the internal account and

provide increased training to reduce the risk of misappropriation of assets.

Status: As a result of the audit procedures performed in the current year, we noted

that the School implemented our recommendations.

# ML-18-02 INTERNAL ACCOUNT DEPOSITS (This was a repeat observation in the 2019 audit.)

Recom-

mendation: We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and

procedures relating to the internal account so that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed, and reconciled to the amount deposited in the bank account. In addition, we recommend the School's treasurer and staff in charge of accepting cash receipts be provided additional

internal account training to ensure compliance with these policies.

Status: As a result of the audit procedures performed in the current year, we noted

that the School implemented our recommendations.

#### **Purpose of this Letter**

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

**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS** 

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Coral Gables, Florida September 18, 2020

#### MATER PALMS ACADEMY

September 18th, 2020

HLB Gravier, LLP 396 Alhambra Circle, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134

RE: MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE TO AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATION

The following is the response by the School's Administrator to your recommendations:

#### ML - 2020-01 AFTERCARE ACCOUNT DEPOSITS

#### Recommendation

We recommend that the School adheres to its internal control policies and procedures relating to the internal accounts so that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed, and reconciled to the amount deposited in the bank account. In addition, we recommend the School's treasurer and staff accepting cash receipts be provided additional internal account training to ensure compliance with these policies.

#### **Management Response**

Management will adhere to the auditor's recommendation. Continuous oversight of deposits will be performed by the Principal, ensuring that all deposits and cash receipts are properly counted, reviewed and reconciled to the amount deposited in the appropriate bank account. Additional training will be provided for the treasurer and staff to ensure compliance with these policies.

Sincerely,

Monica Cueto

Principal, Mater Palms Academy

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President, Mater Academy, Inc.