

**CITY OF PALMS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, INC.**

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**PALM ACRES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

**A CHARTER SCHOOL AND COMPONENT UNIT OF  
THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT  
AUDITORS' REPORTS THEREON**

**AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**



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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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CITY OF PALMS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, INC. *dba* PALM ACRES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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The discussion and analysis of City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School's (the "School") financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

The year ended June 30, 2024 represents the tenth year of operations for the School. Upon expiration of the School's original five-year contract in 2019, the School District of Lee County granted a fifteen-year renewal ending June 30, 2034. Operations of the School are under direct control of the governing board. The governing board has hired a Principal to oversee educational aspects of the School and contracted a local educational service provider, Consulting + Professional Assistance, Inc. (CPA's), to manage all business operations related to the School. The School is related to City of Palms Charter High School and to Northern Palms Charter High School through a common board of governance. (See Note 1)

Financial Highlights

At the end of FY24, the School's assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,532,389 (net position). This is an increase of \$185,129 from the prior year when assets exceeded liabilities by \$1,347,260. Enrollment at Palm Acres Charter High School (PACHS) decreased to 265 students in FY24 from 297 students in FY23. PACHS contributed \$231,000 and \$180,000 to schools operated by their common Board of Directors during FY24 and FY23, respectively.

Using this Financial Report

The six parts of this report are:

- 1) Management's discussion and analysis
- 2) Independent auditor's report
- 3) The basic financial statements
- 4) Notes to the financial statements
- 5) Required supplementary information
- 6) Management letter

Basic financial statements include two kinds of statements presenting different views of the School:

- 1) The "Statement of Net Position" and the "Statement of Activities" are government-wide financial statements that provide information about the School's overall financial status.
- 2) The "Balance Sheet" and the "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance", are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the School. These statements are more detailed than the government-wide statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

These statements report information about the School as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by the private sector. The "Statement of Net Position" includes all of the School's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities, regardless of when cash is received or paid. Changes in net position provide an indicator of improving or deteriorating financial position.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements - continued

The table below provides a comparative summary of net position for FY24 and FY23.

<u>Statement of Net Position</u>			
	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets	\$ 1,608,794	\$ 1,414,933	\$ 193,861
Right-of-use assets, net	486,435	90,573	395,862
Capital assets, net	17,729	35,236	(17,507)
Total assets	\$ 2,112,958	\$ 1,540,742	\$ 572,216
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	\$ 81,735	\$ 104,070	\$ (22,335)
Right-of-use lease payable	374,907	89,412	285,495
Right-of-use SBITA payable	123,927	0	123,927
Total liabilities	\$ 580,569	\$ 193,482	\$ 387,087
<b>Net assets</b>			
Invested in capital assets	\$ 17,729	\$ 35,236	\$ (17,507)
Invested in right-of-use assets	(12,399)	1,161	(13,560)
Unrestricted	1,527,059	1,310,863	216,196
Total net position	\$ 1,532,389	\$ 1,347,260	\$ 185,129

The increase in current assets is the result an increase in cash of \$467,002; a net decrease in accounts receivable from related parties of \$248,360; a decrease in federal grants receivable of \$20,778; and a decrease in prepaid expenses of \$4,003.

The School's net capital assets are represented by computer servers and workstations - \$5,160 (26%), security hardware - \$3,277 (11%), computer software - \$9,292 (3%). The additional 59% is represented by fully depreciated leasehold improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment.

At June 30, 2024, current liabilities are comprised entirely of accrued payroll \$81,735 (100%).

Implementation of GASB87 is responsible for the addition of the right-of-use lease asset and the corresponding lease note payable. The Board of Directors is exercising a new 5-year option on the lease accounting for the related increases in the right-of-use lease asset and the lease note payable.

Implementation of GASB96 is responsible for the addition of the right-of-use "Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements" (SBITA) and the corresponding SBITA note payable. In August 2023, the Corporation entered into a 5-year agreement with "Edmentum" for online curriculum.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements - continued

Change in Net Position - Statement of Activities

The table below shows the comparative summary of changes in net position, revenues and expenses for FY24 and FY23.

Change in Net Position – Statement of Activities

	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
<b>Revenues</b>			
Federal sources	\$ 123,693	\$ 247,540	\$ (123,847)
State and local sources	2,074,467	2,232,958	(158,491)
Capital outlay	157,567	160,804	(3,237)
Local capital improvement	74,617	-	74,617
Other revenues	-	3,986	(3,986)
Total revenues	<u>2,430,344</u>	<u>2,645,288</u>	<u>(214,944)</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Instruction	686,696	715,106	(28,410)
Instructional support services	153,446	145,708	7,738
Board	17,066	25,088	(8,022)
School administration	961,226	949,988	11,238
Central services	93,771	90,703	3,068
Pupil transportation services	2,348	3,858	(1,510)
Operation of plant	258,732	299,487	(40,755)
Maintenance of plant	4,674	6,127	(1,453)
Total expenses	<u>2,177,959</u>	<u>2,236,065</u>	<u>(58,106)</u>
Change in net position from operations	252,385	409,223	(156,838)
Right-of-use lease interest	(62,599)	(12,540)	(50,059)
Right-of-use SBITA interest	(4,657)	-	(4,657)
Total change in net position	<u>\$ 185,129</u>	<u>\$ 396,683</u>	<u>\$ (211,554)</u>

Federal sources:

- COVID/ESSER grant revenue decreased \$123,487 (50%) due to timing of reimbursement requests.

State and local sources:

- In accordance with funding provisions of the charter and Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the Lee County School District and the Florida Department of Education (“FDOE”) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). During the year, funding is adjusted to reflect the revised calculations by 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 in October and February. Enrollment at PACHS decreased by 32 students (11%) between FY23 and FY24. Revenues from FEFP decreased ratably.
- Capital outlay funding decreased by 2%.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements - continued  
Change in Net Position - Statement of Activities - continued  
State and local sources - continued

- The School received unforeseen local capital improvement funds of \$74,617 not previously paid.
- Overall revenues decreased by \$214,944 (8%) while expenses decreased by \$58,106 (nearly 3%) from the prior year. The decrease in revenues is directly related to the decrease in enrollment and federal grant revenues. Contributions to the other high schools operated by the common Board of Directors authorized in FY24 and FY23 are \$221,000 and \$180,000, respectively.

Financial Analysis of the School’s Funds

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School’s most significant funds, not the School as a whole. A fund is a self-balancing set of accounts which the School uses to keep track of sources of funding and spending.

The School’s basic services are included in governmental funds which focus 1) on how financial assets can be converted to cash flows and 2) on the year-end balances available for spending.

In particular, unassigned fund balance is a useful measure of the School’s net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year. At the end of the current fiscal year – FY24, the School’s governmental fund reported an ending unassigned fund balance of \$1,532,389 – an increase of \$202,636 (15%) over the ending unassigned fund balance of \$1,312,024 in FY23.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The School prepared an annual budget based on the expected funded enrollment figure for the school year. The original budget anticipated enrollment of 324 students. Actual enrollment was 265 students. The original budget was revised to reflect reduced enrollment. Neither budget included contributions from PACHS to the other schools operated by the common board.

Capital Assets

The School had \$17,729 and \$35,236 invested in capital assets at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The capitalization threshold for classification of long-term assets is \$1,000.

	<u>Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation</u>		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Change</u>
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Security hardware	3,277	4,743	(1,466)
Computer hardware	5,160	11,496	(6,336)
Computer software	9,292	-	9,292
Leasehold Improvements	-	18,997	(18,997)
Total	<u>\$ 17,729</u>	<u>\$ 35,236</u>	<u>\$ (17,507)</u>

The School’s net capital assets are represented primarily by computer servers, workstations and software; desks, tables and chairs and security equipment. For more information on capital assets, see Note 6 in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

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Lease Asset and Liability

The School implemented GASB Statement No. 87 - Leases, which requires the recognition of certain long term lease contracts in which the School has control of a non-financial asset. The lease liability is recorded at the present value of future lease payments, including fixed payments, variable payments and reasonably certain guarantees. The lease liability is reduced for lease payments made, less the interest portion of the lease payment.

The non-financial asset is recorded as an intangible right-of-use asset. The right-of-use asset is recorded for the same amount as the related lease liability plus any prepayments and initial direct costs to place the asset in service. The right-of-use asset is amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the asset or lease term. In the current fiscal year, the School recognized a net right-of-use asset of \$362,219 and a lease liability of \$347,907.

Information related to the change in the right-of-use asset and lease liability is presented in Note 9.

SBITA Asset and Liability

The School implemented GASB Statement No. 96 – “Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements”, which requires the recognition of certain long term lease contracts in which the School has control of a non-financial asset. The SBITA liability is recorded at the present value of future contractual payments, including fixed payments, variable payments and reasonably certain guarantees. The SBITA liability is reduced by the payments made, less the interest portion of the payment.

The non-financial asset is recorded as an intangible right-of-use asset. The right-of-use asset is recorded for the same amount as the related liability plus any prepayments and initial direct costs to place the asset in service. The right-of-use asset is amortized over the shorter of the useful life of the asset or contract term. In the current fiscal year, the School recognized a net right-of-use asset of \$124,216 and a related liability of \$123,927.

Information related to the change in the right-of-use SBITA asset and SBITA liability is presented in Note 9.

Current Financial Statements

This fiscal year was the eighth year of the School’s operations. The School’s original 5-year contract with the School District of Lee County was renewed in June 2019 for an additional 15 years ending June 30, 2034. PACHS is the second of three schools opened and operated by the Board of Directors of City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. (the “Board”). The Board has contracted with Consulting and Professional Assistance, Inc. (“CPA’s”) to provide day-to-day business support services including facilities, equipment, technology, operational support services, financial reporting, and personnel management and consulting services. CPA’s provides services for a percentage share of revenues received by the School.

Contacting the School’s Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide interested parties with a general overview of the School’s finances and to demonstrate the School’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Amy Rohner, Vice President for School Services, Consulting and Professional Assistance, Inc. at City of Palms Charter High School, 2830 Winkler Avenue, Suite 201, Fort Myers, FL 33916; (239) 561-6611.

Next Year’s Budget

Amounts available for appropriation in the general fund for FY24 are approximately \$2.580 million, approximately a \$347,000 (16%) increase over FY23 actual amounts based upon projected enrollment. Budgeted expenditures are approximately \$1.415 million, nearly a 29% decrease from FY23 actual amounts excluding contributions. The FY24 budget also includes nearly \$487,000 or federal grant revenues for ESSER III. If the above estimates are realized, the general fund is expected to increase by nearly \$1,170,000 by the end of FY24.



### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Lee County, Florida

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Lee County, Florida, (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Lee County, Florida as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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.

#### Basis for Opinions

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 the School 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 opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the 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 representation 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 the School's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### 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 auditor's report that includes our opinions. 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 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 and 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 the School’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 of events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School’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.

#### **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 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 an 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, 2024, 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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September 9, 2024

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PALM ACRES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

A Charter School and Component Unit of the  
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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

Assets	Governmental Activities
Cash	\$ 1,192,772
Accounts receivable	387,193
Other assets	28,829
Right-of-use assets:	
Right-of-use lease asset	701,070
Right-of-use SBITA asset	155,270
Less accumulated amortization	(369,905)
Total right-of-use assets, net	486,435
Capital assets:	
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	134,482
Security hardware	38,259
Computer hardware	86,614
Computer software	11,151
Leasehold improvements	63,519
Less accumulated depreciation	(316,296)
Total capital assets, net	17,729
Total assets	\$ 2,112,958
Liabilities	
Accrued payroll payable	\$ 81,735
Long-term liabilities:	
Right-of-use lease note payable	374,907
Right-of-use SBITA payable	123,927
Total liabilities	\$ 580,569
Net Position	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 17,729
Invested in right-of-use assets, net of related debt	(12,399)
Unrestricted	1,527,059
Total net position	\$ 1,532,389

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

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Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	Total Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:				
Instruction	\$ 686,696	\$ 46,059	\$ -	\$ (640,637)
Instructional support services	153,446	4,734	-	(148,712)
Board	17,066	-	-	(17,066)
School administration	961,226	19,800	-	(941,426)
Central services	93,771	-	-	(93,771)
Transportation	2,348	-	-	(2,348)
Operation of plant	258,732	-	157,567	(101,165)
Maintenance of plant	4,674	-	-	(4,674)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 2,177,959</u>	<u>\$ 70,593</u>	<u>\$ 157,567</u>	<u>(1,949,799)</u>
			Federal sources	53,100
			State and local sources	<u>2,149,084</u>
			Total general revenues	<u>2,202,184</u>
			Change in net position from operations	252,385
			Lease note payable - interest	(62,599)
			SBITA note payable - interest	<u>(4,657)</u>
			Total change in net position	185,129
			Net position at beginning of year	<u>1,348,260</u>
			Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 1,532,389</u>

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Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

June 30, 2024

	Total Governmental Funds - General Fund
Assets	
Cash	\$ 1,192,772
Accounts receivable	387,193
Other assets	<u>28,829</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,608,794</u>
Liabilities	
Accrued payroll expense	<u>\$ 81,735</u>
Total liabilities	<u>81,735</u>
Fund Balance	
Nonspendable:	
Nonspendable	28,829
Spendable:	
Unassigned	<u>1,498,230</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,527,059</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 1,608,794</u>

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Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

Total fund balance - governmental fund \$ 1,527,059

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

Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources  
and, therefore, are not reported as assets in the governmental  
funds.

Capital assets	334,025
Accumulated depreciation	(316,296)
Right-of-use lease asset	701,070
Accumulated amortization	(338,851)
Right-of-use SBITA asset	155,270
Accumulated amortization	(31,054)

Long-term liabilities, including notes payable, are not due and  
payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported  
as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at  
year-end consist of:

Right-of-use lease note payable	(374,907)
Right-of-use SBITA note payable	(123,927)

Total net position - governmental activities \$ 1,532,389

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

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>					
Federal sources	\$ -	\$ 123,693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 123,693
State and local sources	2,074,467	-	-	-	2,074,467
Capital outlay	-	-	157,567	-	157,567
Local capital improvement	74,617	-	-	-	74,617
Total revenues	<u>2,149,084</u>	<u>123,693</u>	<u>157,567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,430,344</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Instruction	606,990	46,059	-	-	653,049
Instructional support services	146,853	4,734	-	-	151,587
Board	17,066	-	-	-	17,066
School administration	870,138	19,800	-	-	889,938
Central services	93,771	-	-	-	93,771
Transportation	2,348	-	-	-	2,348
Operation of plant	65,977	-	157,567	-	223,544
Maintenance of plant	4,674	-	-	-	4,674
Capital outlay	12,899	-	-	-	12,899
Right-of-use assets	468,166	-	-	-	468,166
<b>Debt service</b>					
Principal	-	-	-	98,016	98,016
Interest	-	-	-	67,256	67,256
Total expenditures	<u>2,288,882</u>	<u>70,593</u>	<u>157,567</u>	<u>165,272</u>	<u>2,682,314</u>
Change in fund balance from operations	(139,798)	53,100	-	(165,272)	(251,970)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-	468,166	468,166
Transfers	355,994	(53,100)	-	(302,894)	-
Total change in fund balance	216,196	-	-	-	216,196
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,310,863	-	-	-	1,310,863
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,527,059</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,527,059</u>

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

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Fund to the  
Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net changes in fund balance - total governmental funds	\$ 216,196
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Proceeds from issuance of debt:	
Right-of-use lease note payable	312,896
Right-of-use SBITA payable	155,270
Increase in right-of-use assets:	
Right-of-use lease asset	(312,896)
Right-of-use SBITA asset	(155,270)
Principal payments on long-term debt are expenditures in the governmental funds, but the repayments reduce long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	
Principal payments in the current period are:	
Right-of-use lease note payable	(285,495)
Right-of-use SBITA payable	(123,927)
Amortization of right-of-use asset is reported as an expense on the statement of activities, however, no amounts are reported in the governmental funds. The amount incurred in the current year is:	
	395,862
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of net position, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Capital outlay additions	12,899
Depreciation / amortization expense	(30,406)
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 185,129</u>

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

1. Description of School and Reporting Entity

Palm Acres Charter High School (the "School") is a charter school under City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. (the "Corporation"). The Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act and Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The Corporation currently operates two other charter schools and has approval to open another one in addition to this school. These four schools have the same Board of Governance. As such, they are related entities.

The basic financial statements of the School present only the balances, activity and disclosures related to the School. They do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the Corporation as of June 30, 2024, and its changes in financial position or budgetary comparisons, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the District School Board of Lee County, Florida (the "District"). The original five-year contract between the School and the District was renewed by mutual written agreement on June 4, 2019 for fifteen years ending June 30, 2034. The School contracts with Consulting + Professional Assistance, Inc. ("CPA's") for management of day-to-day operations as described in Note 10.

At the end of the term of the charter contract, the District may choose not to renew the agreement under grounds specified in the charter contract. The District would be required to notify the School in writing at least 90 days prior to the charter contract's expiration. The District may also terminate the charter contract if good cause is shown. In the event of termination of the charter contract, any property purchased by the School with public funds and any unencumbered public funds, except capital outlay funds, revert back to the District. Any unencumbered capital outlay funds revert back to the Florida Department of Education to be redistributed among eligible charter schools.

The School is considered a component unit of the District and meets the definition of a governmental entity under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") accounting guidance; therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the School is required to follow generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governmental units.

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

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2020, the GASB issued Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*. This pronouncement establishes a definition for SBITAs and provides guidance for accounting and financial reporting for transactions that meet that definition. Under this pronouncement, a school is required to recognize an intangible right-of-use subscription asset and corresponding subscription liability, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about a school's activities. The original effective implementation date was reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. However, GASB Statement No. 95 postponed the implementation to be effective for reporting beginning after June 15, 2022. Currently, the School is party to a 5-year software subscription contract for online curriculum.



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1. Description of School and Reporting Entity - continued

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements – continued

In June 2017, the GASB issued Statement No. 87, Leases. This pronouncement 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 pronouncement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible Right-of-use lease asset, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about a school's leasing activities. The cumulative effect of any changes implemented to conform to this pronouncement would be reported as a restatement of beginning net position and fund balance. The original effective implementation date was June 30, 2021. However, GASB Statement No. 95 postponed the implementation of this statement to be effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The School has adopted guidance issued by the GASB that established fund balance classifications comprised of a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which an entity is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources reported in governmental funds. This guidance improves the usefulness of fund balance information by clarifying the definitions of existing governmental fund types and providing additional classifications of fund balance.

Basis of Presentation

The basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The government-wide financial statements report about the School as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes all of the School's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The government-wide financial statements of the School consist of governmental activities. The School's basic services are included here, such as instruction and school administration. Funds received through the Florida Education Finance Program ("FEFP") and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's most significant funds, not the School as a whole. A fund is an accounting entity having a self-balancing set of accounts for recording assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purpose for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The funds in the financial statements of this report are the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Capital Project Fund. The General Fund is the School's primary operating fund that accounts for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund. For purposes of these statements, the General Fund, Special Revenue Fund and Capital Project Fund constitute major funds.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses/expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – continued

Basis of Accounting - continued

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses/expenditures are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing the related cash flows take place.

The governmental funds basic financial statements are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available.

When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenues are recognized at the time the expenditure is made.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized when due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds from the acquisition of long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

Budgetary Basis of Accounting

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Expenditures were controlled at object level.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

All cash received by the School is maintained in demand deposit accounts at two institutions. Under current regulations, deposit accounts are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000 per insured institution. At June 30, 2024 these accounts total \$1,187,750. Amounts deposited above the FDIC insured amount equal approximately \$687,750. The School does not anticipate any losses associated with their accounts.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

The School's capitalization threshold is \$1,000 overall. Capital assets are recorded on the accompanying Statement of Net Position at cost, net of accumulated depreciation or amortization. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over three years, with a half-year convention, for furniture, fixtures and equipment and for computer software. Amortization of leasehold improvements is charged over the remaining life of the lease.

Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications

*Government-Wide Financial Statements*

Net Position is classified and reported in three components:

- Investment in capital assets, net of related debt – consists of capital asset net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- Investment in right-of-use assets, net of related debt – consists of right-of-use assets net of accumulated amortization and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition or improvement of those assets
- Restricted – consists of amounts with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted – all other amounts that do not meet the definition of “invested in capital assets, net of “related debt” or “restricted”.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Net Position and Fund Balance Classifications (continued)

*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 reported within one of the following fund balance categories:

- Nonspendable – fund balance related to inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, property held for resale (unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned). All non-spendable fund balances at year end relate to assets that are in not spendable form.
- Restricted – fund balance including amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by the constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- Committed – fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School’s Board of Governance.
- Assigned – fund balance including amounts intended to be used by the School’s management for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- Unassigned – fund balance that is the residual amount for the School’s general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

This statement also clarifies the definition of the special revenue fund to denote that the special revenue may be used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trust for individual, private organizations or other governmental or for major capital projects) legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The policy applies expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. Non-spendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for non-general funds to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is also possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when non-spendable amounts plus the restricted fund balances for specific purposes amounts exceed the positive fund balance for the non-general fund.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School’s charter. In accordance with funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the District.

Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (“FDOE”) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). During the year, funding is adjusted to reflect the revised calculations by FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students reported by the School during the designated survey periods. The District receives a 5% administrative fee for the first 250 students from the School, which is reflected as central services in the accompanying Statement of Activities and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Revenue Sources (continued)

The School is eligible for charter school capital outlay funding in amounts based on the School's actual and projected student enrollment during the fiscal year. Funds received under this program may only be used for lawful capital outlay expenditures and, as such, any unexpended amounts are reflected as restricted net assets and restricted fund balance in the accompanying Statement of Net Position and Balance Sheet – Governmental Fund, respectively. All capital outlay funds received were used for lawful capital outlay expenditures during FY24.

Income Taxes

The School is exempt from income taxation under Section 501(a) as an entity described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements.

The School has adopted guidance related to accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position that an entity takes or expects to take in a tax return. This guidance is applicable to not-for-profit organizations that may be conducting unrelated business activities, which are potentially subject to income taxes, including state income taxes.

The School regularly assesses its income tax positions, including its continuing tax status as a not-for-profit entity, and recognizes tax benefits only to the extent that the School believes it is "more likely than not" that its tax positions will be sustained upon an examination by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or the applicable state taxing authority. Accordingly, there is no provision for federal income taxes in the financial statements, as the School believes all tax positions, including its continuing status as a not-for-profit entity, have a greater than 50% chance of realization in the event of an IRS audit. The School's income tax returns for the past three tax years are subject to examination by tax authorities and may change upon examination. State income taxes, which may be due in certain jurisdictions, have been assessed following the same "more likely than not" measurement threshold.

Use of Estimates

In preparing the financial statements, management is sometimes required 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 expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Significant estimates include depreciation/amortization of capital assets, interest rates utilized in calculating present value of "right-of-use" assets – including SBITA and the allocation of certain expenses to the three related schools based upon enrollment. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

The School has adopted guidance that requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date (that is, whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued. The School has evaluated subsequent events through September 9, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Board has entered into an agreement to participate in a lawsuit requesting the Lee County School Board share with Lee County charter schools revenues collected from the half-percent sales tax increase previously enacted.

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3. Related Party Transactions

Palm Acres Charter High School (PACHS) is one of three schools operated by a common Board of Directors – City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. The first school, City of Palms Charter High School, originally opened as “Life Skills Center of Lee County” in Fall 2006 under a five year contract. That contract was renewed for an additional five years with the name change to “City of Palms Charter High School”. Subsequently, the School District of Lee County renewed that contract for an additional ten years ending in June 2026. In June 2019, the original PACHS contract was renewed for fifteen more years ending June 30, 2034. In June 2020, the contract for the third school, Northern Palms Charter High School, was renewed for fifteen years ending June 30, 2035. During the routine course of business, invoices and payroll which apply to all schools may be paid by a single entity. The school with surplus funds may pay expenses on behalf of other related schools. The school tracks these amounts due to or from each related entity or school separately.

During both FY24 and FY23, the Board of Directors authorized contributions from PACHS to the other two operating schools totaling \$231,000 and \$180,000, respectively. In addition, PACHS is owed \$253,805 by City of Palms Charter High School and \$9,695 by Northern Palms Charter High School for amounts paid for on behalf of those schools during FY24. This amount is included within administrative expenses in the accompanying statements of net position and balance sheet – governmental funds.

4. Fair Value Measurements

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) define fair value for an investment generally as the price an organization would receive upon selling the investment in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. The information available to measure fair value varies depending on the nature of each investment and its market or markets. Accordingly, GAAP recognizes a hierarchy of “inputs” an organization may use in determining or estimating fair value. The inputs are categorized into “levels” that relate to the extent to which an input is objectively observable and the extent to which markets exist for identical or comparable investments. In determining or estimating fair value, an organization is required to maximize the use of observable market data (to the extent available) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy assigns the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical items (Level 1 inputs) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 inputs).

The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between independent observable inputs and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value as follows:

- *Level 1:* Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- *Level 2:* Inputs other than quoted market prices included within Level 1 that are observable for an assets or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- *Level 3:* Unobservable inputs for an asset or liability. Level 3 inputs should be used to measure fair value to the extent that observable Level 1 or 2 inputs are not available.

This statement requires disclosures to be made about fair value measurements, the level of fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques. The School’s significant financial instruments are cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable, short term borrowings, and other short term assets and liabilities. For these financial instruments (Level 1), carrying values approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

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5. Accounts Receivable

At June 30, 2024, accounts receivable of \$387,193 included related party receivables from City of Palms Charter High School of \$253,805, from Northern Palms Charter High School of \$9,695 and federal grant funds receivable of \$123,693. Based on the sources of these funds, management has evaluated the collectability and an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary.

6. Capital Assets and Depreciation – For FY24, the School’s capital assets consisted of the following:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Ending Balance
Capital assets being depreciated:			
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 134,482	\$ -	\$ 134,482
Security hardware	36,511	1,748	38,259
Computer hardware	86,614	-	86,614
Computer software	-	11,151	11,151
Leasehold improvements	63,519	-	63,519
Total	<u>\$ 321,126</u>	<u>\$ 12,899</u>	<u>\$ 334,025</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:			
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ (134,482)	\$ -	\$ (134,482)
Security hardware	(31,768)	(3,214)	(34,982)
Computer hardware	(75,118)	(6,336)	(81,454)
Computer software	-	(1,859)	(1,859)
Leasehold improvements	(44,522)	(18,997)	(63,519)
Total	<u>\$ (285,890)</u>	<u>\$ (30,406)</u>	<u>\$ (316,296)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 35,236</u>	<u>\$ (17,507)</u>	<u>\$ 17,729</u>

Depreciation expense of \$30,406 was charged to the following functions in the accompanying Statement of Activities:

Instruction	\$ 2,304
Instructional Technology	1,859
Administration	4,032
Operations - Plant	<u>22,211</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 30,406</u>

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7. Other Current Assets

Total other current assets of \$28,829 are comprised of the following:

Security deposit	\$ 7,000	24%
Prepaid insurance	18,747	65%
Reward inventory	1,800	6%
Prepaid software	970	3%
Prepaid expenses	312	1%
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Total other current assets	<u>\$ 28,829</u>	

8. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable classified as current liabilities of \$81,735 are represented by accrued salaries payable. Long-term liabilities of \$498,834 are represented by the lease note payable of \$374,907 and the SBITA payable of \$123,927 – See Note 9.

9. Right-of-Use Assets

Right-of-Use Lease Asset and Lease Note Payable

On June 1, 2019, the School entered into a non-cancelable lease agreement with Iglesia de Cristo Sendero de Esperanza, Corp., a Florida not for profit corporation (“Landlord”) for use of School facilities through August 31, 2024. The lease option to extend the lease for an additional five years through August 31, 2029 will be exercised. The School is required to pay insurance and operating costs for water, sewer, electric, telephone, trash removal and utilities. Improvements, repairs and maintenance to the leased premises are the responsibility of the School. The School shall not be charged for real estate taxes or exterior maintenance.

Adhering to the requirements of GASB 87, the School recorded the following lease asset, related amortization expense, and lease note liability. Balances related to the right-of-use lease asset and lease note payable at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Right-of-use lease asset, beginning of year	\$ 90,573
Recognition of 5Yr Lease Option	312,896
FY23 - Cumulative amortization expense adjustment	28,857
FY24 amortization expense	(70,107)
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Right-of-use lease asset, end of year	<u>\$ 362,219</u>
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Right-of-use lease note payable - beginning balance	\$ 89,412
Recognition of 5Yr Lease Option	312,896
FY23 - Cumulative principal adjustment	39,272
FY24 - Principal payments	(66,673)
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Right-of-use lease note payable - ending balance	<u>\$ 374,907</u>

In the current year, interest expense related to the amortization of the lease note payable of \$62,599 was included as debt service. Current year amortization expense of \$70,107 related to the right-of-use lease asset was charged to governmental activities and included within operations of plant.

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9. Right-of-Use Assets – continued

Right-of-Use Lease Asset and Lease Note Payable – continued

Future minimum lease payments under this agreement, as well as future minimum payments under the lease agreements for City of Palms Charter High School and Northern Palms Charter High School are as follows:

	City of Palms Charter HS			Palm Acres Charter HS			Northern Palms Charter HS		
	Principal	Interest	TOTAL	Principal	Interest	TOTAL	Principal	Interest	TOTAL
FY25	\$ 81,345	\$ 12,925	\$ 94,270	\$ 68,223	\$ 24,027	\$ 92,250	\$ 55,616	\$ 9,382	\$ 64,998
FY26	84,413	13,312	97,725	70,272	24,748	95,020	5,376	41	5,417
FY27	87,926	13,712	101,638	72,384	25,490	97,874	-	-	-
FY28	8,308	188	8,496	74,557	26,255	100,812	-	-	-
FY29	-	-	-	76,792	27,042	103,834	-	-	-
FY30	-	-	-	12,679	4,711	17,390	-	-	-
FY31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 261,992</b>	<b>\$ 40,137</b>	<b>\$302,129</b>	<b>\$ 374,907</b>	<b>\$ 132,273</b>	<b>\$ 507,180</b>	<b>\$ 60,992</b>	<b>\$ 9,423</b>	<b>\$ 70,415</b>

  

TOTAL			
Principal	Interest	TOTAL	
FY25	\$ 205,184	\$ 46,334	\$ 251,518
FY26	160,061	38,101	198,162
FY27	160,310	39,202	199,512
FY28	82,865	26,443	109,308
FY29	76,792	27,042	103,834
FY30	12,679	4,711	17,390
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 697,891</b>	<b>\$ 181,833</b>	<b>\$ 879,724</b>

Right-of-use SBITA asset and SBITA payable

In June 2023, the School entered into a 5-year agreement with Edmentum, Inc. to provide on-line curriculum courses for students enrolled at all three schools operated by City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. Adhering to the requirements of GASB 96, the School recorded the following right-of-use SBITA asset, related amortization expense and the note payable liability in the current year. Balances related to the right-of-use SBITA asset and related note payable are as follows:

Right-of-use SBITA asset	\$ 155,270
Accumulated amortization	(31,054)
<b>Right-of-use SBITA asset, net</b>	<b>\$ 124,216</b>
SBITA note payable	\$ 155,270
FY24 principal payments	(31,343)
<b>SBITA note payable - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 123,927</b>



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9. Right-of-Use Assets – continued

Right-of-use SBITA asset and SBITA payable – continued

Interest expense related to the amortization of the SBITA note payable is \$4,657 for FY24 and is included as debt service. Amortization of the right-of-use asset was calculated on a straight-line basis, charged to governmental activities and included within instructional expenses.

Gross online curriculum costs of \$36,000 for the current year is reflected as an expense as instruction expense in the accompanying governmental financial statements.

Future payments under this agreement are as follows:

	TOTAL		
	Principal	Interest	TOTAL
FY25	\$ 31,272	\$ 4,728	\$ 36,000
FY26	31,130	4,870	36,000
FY27	30,984	5,016	36,000
FY28	30,541	5,459	36,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 123,927</u>	<u>\$ 20,073</u>	<u>\$ 144,000</u>

10. Educational Management Providers

The Board of Directors entered into a contract with Consulting and Professional Assistance, Inc. (CPA's) to provide business and educational oversight services to the School. The Board of Directors operates the School independently. The Principal oversees academics, staff and curriculum and CPA's oversees all business operations. CPA's continuing fee is based upon fifteen percent of gross revenues. Fees of \$346,178 are reflected as school administration in the accompanying Statement of Activities and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Fund.

11. Risk Management

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School is in compliance with coverage parameters dictated by the charter contract with the District.

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12. Schedule of State and Local Revenue Sources

For the year ended June 30, 2024, state and local revenues were received as follows:

Florida Education Finance Program	\$ 1,390,931
Class size reduction	245,436
Discretionary millage	243,268
Capital outlay	157,567
Educational enrichment allocation	97,315
Local capital improvement	74,617
ESE Guarantee	58,119
Safe schools	20,185
Mental health assistance allocation	14,524
Student transportation	4,689
Federally connected student supplement	154
Prior year adjustment	<u>(154)</u>
Total State and Local Revenue	<u>\$ 2,306,651</u>

These revenues are included on the Statement of Activities as “State and local sources” for \$2,149,084 and as “Capital outlay funds” for \$157,567.

The administration fee paid to the District during FY23 totaled \$93,771. The fee is reflected as central services in the accompanying Statement of Activities and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

13. Contingencies

Grants

The School participates in state and federal grant programs which are governed by various rules and regulation of the grantor agencies. Cost charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies. Therefore, to the extent that the School has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at year end may be impaired.

Management believes there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

Legal matters

In the normal course of conducting its operations, the School may become party to various legal actions and proceedings. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of such legal matters will not have a significant adverse effect on the accompanying financial statements.

CITY OF PALMS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, INC.

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PALM ACRES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

A Charter School and Component Unit of the  
District School Board of Lee County, Florida

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amount	Actual	Variance
<i>Enrollment</i>	265	265	-
<b>Revenues</b>			
State and local sources - FEFP	\$ 2,074,467	\$ 2,074,467	\$ -
Capital outlay	162,542	157,567	(4,975)
Local capital improvement	73,991	74,617	626
Total revenues	<u>2,311,000</u>	<u>2,306,651</u>	<u>(4,349)</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Instruction	690,000	606,990	(83,010)
Instructional support services	153,000	146,853	(6,147)
Board	19,000	17,066	(1,934)
School administration	778,950	870,138	91,188
Central services	99,450	93,771	(5,679)
Pupil transportation services	8,700	2,348	(6,352)
Operation of plant	290,000	223,544	(66,456)
Maintenance of plant	5,300	4,674	(626)
Capital outlay	-	12,899	12,899
Right-of-use assets	-	468,166	468,166
Total expenditures	<u>2,044,400</u>	<u>2,446,449</u>	<u>402,049</u>
Change in fund balance from operations	266,600	163,096	(406,398)
Transferred from special revenue fund	-	53,100	53,100
Transferred from debt service fund	-	302,894	302,894
Total change in fund balance	266,600	216,196	(50,404)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>1,310,863</u>	<u>1,310,863</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 1,577,463</u>	<u>\$ 1,527,059</u>	<u>\$ (50,404)</u>

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PALM ACRES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

A Charter School and Component Unit of the  
 District School Board of Lee County, Florida

Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Special Revenues Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amount	Actual	Variance
Revenues			
Federal sources - ESSER III	\$ 72,900	\$ 123,693	\$ 50,793
Total revenues	<u>72,900</u>	<u>123,693</u>	<u>50,793</u>
Expenditures			
Instruction	-	46,059	46,059
Instructional support services	-	4,734	4,734
School administration	21,600	19,800	(1,800)
Total expenditures	<u>21,600</u>	<u>70,593</u>	<u>48,993</u>
Change in fund balance from operations	51,300	53,100	1,800
Transferred to general revenue fund	<u>(51,300)</u>	<u>(53,100)</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>
Total change in fund balance	-	-	-
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



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**Independent Auditor's 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 City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palms Charter High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Lee County, 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 for the City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Lee County, Florida (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, 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 9, 2024.

**Report on 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 opinions 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 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 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 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.

**Report on 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*.

### **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 management of the School, the District School Board of Lee County, Florida, the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Auditor General and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*McCrary and Associates, PLLC*

Altamonte Springs, Florida  
September 9, 2024

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RULES OF  
THE AUDITOR GENERAL, CHAPTER 10.850  
*AUDITS of CHARTER SCHOOLS and SIMILAR ENTITIES***



**Management Letter as Required by Rules of the Florida Auditor General,  
Chapter 10.850, Florida Statutes, *Charter School Audits***

To the Board of Directors of City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School, a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Lee County, Florida,

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the financial statements of City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School (the "School") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated September 9, 2024.

**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 Auditor's 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, if applicable, which is dated September 9, 2024, 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 are no prior audit findings to report upon.

**Official Title**

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity be disclosed in this management letter. The official title of the entity is City of Palms Charter High School, Inc. *dba* Palm Acres Charter High School.

**Financial Condition and Management**

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require that we apply appropriate procedures to determine whether or not the school has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, 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.



### **Financial Condition and Management (continued)**

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 Web site the 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 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.

### **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, the Lee County School Board, 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.

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