QUEENS, NEW YORK

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS

JUNE 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals For 2019)



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees Academy of the City Charter School

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Academy of the City Charter School, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2020, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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 genera

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

<u>Opinion</u>

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Academy of the City Charter School as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

The financial statements of Academy of the City Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2019 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on October 30, 2019. In our opinion, the

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals For 2019)

	June	e 30,
<u>ASSETS</u>	2020	2019
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Certificates of deposit Grants and other receivables Prepaid expenses TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 2,851,845 862,955 142,824 2,483 3,860,107	\$ 1,971,907 607,260 79,563 89,288 2,748,018
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	29,641,370	28,602,987
OTHER ASSETS Security deposit Cash in escrow	276,000 100,993 376,993	226,000 75,899 301,899
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 33,878,470	\$ 31,652,904
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued payroll and benefits Current portion of capital lease payable Current portion of note payable TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 217,228 730,932 142,324 419,087 1,509,571	\$ 300,597 570,549 - - 871,146
OTHER LIABILITIES Note payable Capital lease payable Deferred rent TOTAL LIABILITIES	663,523 28,399,378 <u>1,111,939</u> 31,684,411	27,495,040 <u>1,026,717</u> 29,392,903
<u>NET ASSETS</u> Without donor restriction TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2,194,059 \$ 33,878,470	2,260,001 \$ 31,652,904

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals For 2019)

	Year ended June 30,	
	2020	2019
CASH FLOWS - OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (65,942)	\$ (189,304)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		
provided from operating activities:		
Depreciation	172,745	156,079
Noncash interest expense	1,046,662	426,123
Changes in certain assets and liabilities affecting operations:		
Grants and other receivables	(63,261)	84,477
Prepaid expenses	86,805	58,368
Security deposit	(50,000)	-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(83,369)	15,011
Accrued payroll and benefits	160,383	16,832
Deferred rent	85,222	47,543
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,289,245	615,129
CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,211,128)	(361,487)
Net purchases of certificates of deposit	(255,695)	(2,983)
NET CASH USED FOR		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(1,466,823)	(364,470)
CASH FLOWS - FINANCING ACTIVITIES	1 0 0 0 1 1 0	
Borrowings on note payable	1,082,610	
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	1,082,610	
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH	905,032	250,659
Cash and restricted cash at beginning of year	2,047,806	1,797,147
CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2,952,838	\$ 2,047,806

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals For 2019)

NOTE A: THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charter School

Academy of the City Charter School (the "Charter School"), is an educational corporation that operates as a charter school in the borough of Queens, New York City. On December 14, 2010, the Board of Regents and the Board of Trustees of the University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, granted the Charter School a charter valid for a term of 5 years and renewable upon expiration. The school was granted a charter for grades K-5. On July 26, 2016 the Charter School's charter renewal was approved for an additional three years. On January 14, 2019, the Charter School's charter was renewed through June 30, 2024. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the Charter School opened a middle school, initially serving 6th grade.

The Charter School was organized to increase learning opportunities for students through innovative educational programs and to enable parents to be more involved in their children's education.

Classification of net assets

To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Charter School, the accounts of the Charter School are maintained in accordance with the principles of accounting for not-forprofit organizations. This is the procedure by which resources are classified for reporting purposes into net asset groups, established according to their nature and purpose. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by net asset group.

The assets, liabilities, activities, and net assets are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantorimposed restrictions. Accordingl

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JUNE 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals For 2019)

NOTE A: THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Cont'd

Grants and other receivables

Grants and other receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts based on its assessment of the current status of individual receivables from grants, agencies and others. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2020 or 2019.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method on a basis considered adequate to depreciate the assets over their estimated useful lives which are as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	_	5 to 7 years
Equipment	_	3 to 5 years
Leasehold improvements	—	20 to 22 years

Deferred rent

Operating leases are straight-lined over the term of the lease. Deferred rent has been recorded for the difference between the fixed payment and the rent expense.

Tax exempt status

The Charter School is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state regulations and, accordingly, is exempt from federal and state taxes on income.

The Charter School files Form 990 tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. The tax returns for the years ended June 30, 2017 through June 30, 2020 are still subject to potential audit by the IRS. Management of the Charter School believes it has no material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly, it has not recognized any liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

Contributed services

The Charter School receives contributed services from volunteers to serve on the Board of Trustees. In addition, the Charter School received transportation services, food services, and a school nurse which were provided for the students by the local district. The Charter School was unable to determine a value for these services.

In-kind contributions

Gifts and donations other than cash are recorded at fair market value at the date of contribution. There were no in-kind contributions during the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

Marketing and recruiting costs

The Charter School expenses marketing costs as they are incurred. Total marketing and recruiting costs were \$31,769 and \$31,040 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. a

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NOTE A: THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Cont'd

Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements

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

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.

Adoption of new accounting standards

Revenue from contracts with customers

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued a new standard related to revenue recognition. Under the standard, revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. For nonpublic entities, the guidance in this new standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019. The Charter School adopted ASC 606 with the date of initial application of July 1, 2019.

The Charter School applied ASC 606 using the cumulative effect method, which generally requires the recognition of the cumulative effect of initially applying the new guidance as an adjustment to the opening balance of net assets, at July 1, 2019. There was no adjustment to the opening balance of net assets at July 1, 2019, as a result of this new accounting standard. In addition, the comparative information has not been adjusted and continues to be reported under existing revenue guidance. The Charter School does not expect the adoption of the new revenue standard to have a material impact on its income on an ongoing basis.

As part of the adoption of ASC 606, the Charter School elected to use the following transition practical expedients: (1) all contract modifications that occurred prior to the date of initial application when identifying the satisfied and unsatisfied performance obligation, determining the transaction price, and allocating the transaction price have been reflected in the aggregate; and (2) ASC 606 is applied only to contracts that are not completed at the initial date of application. Because contract modifications are minimal, there is not a significant impact as a result of electing these practical expedients.

Contributions received and contributions made

In June 2018, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-08, "Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made". ASU 2018-08 assists entities in evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as contributions or exchange transactions and determining whether a contribution is conditional. For most resource recipients, this standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The Charter School adopted the provisions of ASU 2018-08 applicable to contributions received with a date of initial application of July 1, 2019 under a modified prospective basis. Accordingly, there is no effect on net assets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2020 (With Comparative Totals For 2019)

NOTE A: THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, Cont'd

Statement of cash flows

In November 2016, the FASB issued new guidance related to the statement of cash flows (ASC 230), which requires entities to include restricted cash in the reconciliation of the beginning-of-year to the end-of-year balance of cash in the statement of cash flows. ASC 230 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. The Charter School adopted this standard as of July 1, 2019 using the retrospective transition method.

New accounting pronouncement - leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued a new standard related to leases to increase transparency and comparability among entities by requiring the recognition of right-of-use ("ROU") assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position. Most prominent among the changes in the standard is the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases under current U.S. GAAP. For nonpublic entities, the FASB voted on May 20, 2020, to extend the guidance in this new standard to be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. The Charter School is currently evaluating the provisions of this standard to determine the impact the new standard will have on the Charter School's financial position or results of operations.

Comparatives for year ended June 30, 2019

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class or functional classification. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Charter School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019, from which the summarized information was derived.

Subsequent events

The Charter School has conducted an evaluation of potential subsequent events occurring after the statement of financial position date through account imn

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NOTE D: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	June 30,	
	2020	2019
Building under capital lease, not yet placed in service	\$ 27,068,917	\$ 27,068,917
Furniture and fixtures	309,569	290,356
Equipment	668,790	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

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NOTE E: OPERATING LEASE, Cont'd

The leases are being straight-lined over the life of the lease. The deferred rent liability as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$1,111,939 and \$1,026,717, respectively.

Rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$1,093,396 and \$1,015,788, respectively.

NOTE F: CAPITAL LEASE

On February 1, 2019, the Charter School entered into a capital lease with Friends of Academy of the City, Inc., an unrelated entity for space that will be used for a future middle school site. The lease will expire on June 30, 2048. In connection with this lease, the Charter School guarantees the obligations of Friends of Academy of the City, Inc. to their landlord. As of June 30, 2020, the remaining lease payments amounted to \$32,920,245. Interest expense recorded during the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 totaled approximately \$1,468,400 and \$582,400, respectively.

Aggregate annual payments on capital lease obligations at June 30, 2020, are:

Year ending June 30,	Amount
2021	\$ 1,637,371
2022	1,682,067
2023	1,687,548
2024	1,785,839
2025	1,791,542
Thereafter	48,707,564
	57,291,931
Less amount representing interest	(28,750,229)
Present value of future minimum lease payments	\$ 28,541,702

Property and equipment include the following property under capital leases at June 30, 2020 and 2019:

Buildings	\$ 27,068,917
Less accumulated depreciation	
	<u>\$ 27,068,917</u>

In connection with the space to be used for a future middle school site, Friends of Academy of the City, Inc. entered into a financing agreement with an unrelated party. As part of the financing agreement between Friends of Academy of the City, Inc, the Charter School is required to comply with certain covenants, of which the school was in compliance at June 30, 2020.

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NOTE G: NOTE PAYABLE

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, in April 2020 the Charter School applied for and was approved by a bank for a loan of \$1,082,610 through the Paycheck Protection Program established by the Small Business Administration. The loan has a maturity of 2 years and an interest rate of 1%. Adm

REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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

Board of Trustees Academy of the City Charter School

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 Academy of the City Charter School, which comprise the

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Academy of the City Charter 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

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS, Cont'd

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Finding 2019-002 Certificates of Deposit

<u>Criteria</u>

Short-term, highly liquid investments are considered cash equivalents when they are both readily convertible to known amounts of cash and so near their maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value because of changes in interest rates. The definition of cash equivalents within the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) notes that generally only investments with original maturities of three months or less qualify as cash equivalents.

Condition/Context

The Charter School restated prior year balances of certificates of deposit that were included in cash.

<u>Effect</u>

Cash was overstated on the 2018 statements of financial position and cash flows.

Cause

The Charter School included all certificates of deposit in cash on the statements of financial position.

<u>Recommendation</u>

We recommend that management segregate certificates of deposit on the statement of financial position if they do not meet the definition of cash and cash equivalents.

Management's response

Management will review the lead schedules to ensure certificates of deposit are properly classified in the financial statements.

Status of prior finding

Management properly segregated certificates of deposit on the statement of financial position if they did not meet the definition of cash and cash equivalents. Management considers this finding to be corrected.