

East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

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OMB Circular A-133 Financial Report
Together With Independent Auditors' Report

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Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Directors
East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School**

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (the "School") which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statements of activities, 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 generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School as of June 30, 2014, 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 Matters

Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedules of financial position by school and activities by school for the year ended June 30, 2014 on pages 13 and 14 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2014 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, and 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.

O'Connor Davies, LLP

October 30, 2014

East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

**Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2014**

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,038,888
Grants and accounts receivable	250,658
Prepaid expenses	33,419
Restricted cash	50,000
Property and equipment, net	<u>298,208</u>
	<u>\$ 1,671,173</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 401,705
Due to East Harlem Tutorial Program	<u>491,134</u>
Total Liabilities	892,839

Net Assets, unrestricted	<u>778,334</u>
	<u>\$ 1,671,173</u>

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Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2014

REVENUE AND SUPPORT

Public School District -	
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$ 5,304,726
Government grants and contracts	892,642
Contributions from foundations	380,000
Other income	<u>3,921</u>
Total Revenue and Support	<u>6,581,289</u>

EXPENSES

Program services	5,605,867
Management and general	427,525
Fundraising	<u>159,792</u>
Total Expenses	<u>6,193,184</u>
Change in Net Assets	388,105

NET ASSETS (UNRESTRICTED)

Beginning of year	<u>390,229</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 778,334</u>

East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2014

	Program Services				Management and General	Fundraising	Total
	General Education	Special Education	Supplemental Education	Total Program Services			
Instructional Salaries	\$ 1,720,049	\$ 826,969	\$ -	\$ 2,547,018	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,547,018
Administrative Staff Salaries	598,676	147,878	-	746,554	64,768	22,395	833,717
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	384,476	163,843	-	548,319	10,718	3,645	562,682
Retirement	23,095	10,161	-	33,256	641	209	34,106
Total Salaries and Related Expenses	2,726,296	1,148,851	-	3,875,147	76,127	26,249	3,977,523
Legal services	689	318	-	1,007	19	6	1,032
Accounting and audit services	-	-	-	-	43,000	-	43,000
Other professional and consulting services	336,435	128,399	-	464,834	243,631	130,799	839,264
Repairs and maintenance	2,761	1,185	-	3,946	77	26	4,049
Insurance	20,836	8,815	-	29,651	581	200	30,432
Supplies and materials	247,044	76,440	464	323,948	180	79	324,207
Equipment and furnishings	14,016	5,522	-	19,538	395	147	20,080
Staff development	44,814	16,824	-	61,638	9,272	227	71,137
Marketing and recruitment	38,864	11,505	-	50,369	483	150	51,002
Technology	69,051	29,031	-	98,082	1,929	667	100,678
Food service	235,661	72,940	-	308,601	-	-	308,601
Student Services	11,073	3,381	155,870	170,324	-	-	170,324
Office expenses	36,506	15,999	-	52,505	49,020	332	101,857
Depreciation	87,316	38,271	-	125,587	2,424	795	128,806
Bad debt	3,731	1,796	-	5,527	102	29	5,658
Other expenses	10,357	4,806	-	15,163	285	86	15,534
Totals	\$ 3,885,450	\$ 1,564,083	\$ 156,334	\$ 5,605,867	\$ 427,525	\$ 159,792	\$ 6,193,184

See notes to financial statements

East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

Statement of Cash Flows
June 30, 2014

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Changes in net assets	\$ 388,105
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities	
Depreciation	128,806
Bad debt	5,527
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	
Grants and accounts receivable	197,129
Prepaid expenses	12,244
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	210,169
Due to EHTP	<u>127,527</u>
Net Cash from Operating Activities	1,069,507

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(189,388)</u>
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	880,119

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Beginning of period	<u>158,769</u>
End of period	<u>\$ 1,038,888</u>

East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2014

1. Organization and Tax Status

Founded upon the 53-year legacy of East Harlem Tutorial Program (EHTP), East Harlem Scholars Academy (the "School") is a public charter school that prepares students with the academic skills, strength of character and social and emotional well-being to excel in high school and college, to lead in their communities and to realize their best possible selves.

The School operates in the borough of the Manhattan, New York City. On December 14, 2010, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York granted the School a provisional charter valid for a term of five years and renewable upon expiration. The school opened in the fall of 2011 with kindergarten and first grade, and will add a grade each year until it serves kindergarten through 5th grade.

On January 1, 2013, an amendment to the School's charter was approved to open East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School II which opened in the fall of 2013 with kindergarten and first grade, and will add a grade each year until it serves kindergarten through 5th grade. East Harlem Scholars Academy and the East Harlem Scholars Academy II are referred to collectively as the "School."

The School is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The School's primary sources of income are from per pupil and other government funding.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies, if any, at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of support and revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The net assets of the School and changes therein are classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Unrestricted net assets are those that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Temporarily restricted net assets represent contributions with donor-imposed restrictions that have not yet been satisfied or are time restricted. When a stipulated time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restriction. Permanently restricted net assets are those which are established by donor gifts to provide a permanent endowment. There were no temporarily or permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2014.

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Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2014

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the School considers all highly liquid investments, with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. Restricted cash is a reserve fund of \$50,000 to cover debts in the event of the School's dissolution.

Contributions and Unconditional Promises to Give

Contributions are recognized as revenue when an unconditional promise to give is made and the gift is subject to reasonable valuation. Contributions received and unconditional promises to give are classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support. If donor restrictions are met within the same reporting period as when the contribution was made, those contributions are recorded as unrestricted support.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at cost. Additions and improvements or betterments in excess of \$1,000 with an estimated useful life of more than one year are capitalized. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or term of the related lease. Property and equipment acquired with certain government contract funds are recorded as expenses when the government retains title to such assets.

The School reviews long-lived assets to determine whether there has been any permanent impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the assets, the School recognizes an impairment loss. No impairment losses were recognized at June 30, 2014.

Revenue Recognition

Revenue from the state and local governments under the charter agreement is based on the number of students enrolled, and recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement.

Revenue from federal, state and local government grants and contracts is recognized by the School when qualifying expenditures are incurred. Funds received in advance for which qualifying expenditures have not been incurred are reflected as deferred revenues from state and local government grants in the accompanying statement of financial position.

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Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2014

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Revenue Recognition (continued)

The School follows US GAAP guidance on Accounting for Contributions Received and Contributions Made. Accordingly, contributed assets are recorded at fair value at date of donation. Services are recognized as revenue and assets or expenses at fair value if those services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets, (b) would typically need to be purchased by the School if they had not been provided by contribution or (c) require specialized skills and are provided by individuals with those skills.

A number of volunteers have made a contribution of their time to the School to develop its programs and to serve on the School's board of trustees. The value of such contributed time is not reflected in these financial statements because it does not meet the criteria for recognition.

Functional Expenses

Expenses that can be directly identified with the program or supporting service to which they relate are charged accordingly. Other expenses by function have been allocated among program and supporting service classifications based upon benefits received. Expenses are classified according to the functional categories for which they are incurred, as follows:

General Education Program Services – represents expenses directly associated with general education.

Special Education Program Services – represents expenses directly associated with special education for certain students requiring additional attention and guidance.

Supplemental Education Program Services – represents expenses directly associated with after-school and summer school programs.

Management and general – represents expenses related to the overall administration and operation of the School that are not associated with any education services or fundraising.

Fundraising – represents expenses related to efforts to raise additional funds for the School.

Marketing and Recruitment

Marketing and recruitment costs are expensed as incurred for staff and student recruitment.

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Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2014

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Accounting For Uncertainty in Income Taxes

The School recognizes the effect of income tax positions only when they are more likely than not to be sustained. Management has determined that the School had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition or disclosure. The School is subject to examination by applicable taxing authorities since inception in 2011.

Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, which date is October 30, 2014 and has accounted for or disclosed such events, as appropriate, in these financial statements.

3. Concentration of Credit Risk and Revenue

The School maintains its cash and cash equivalents in bank deposit accounts and as of June 30, 2014 they exceeded the federally insured limits by approximately \$685,000. The School has not experienced any losses in these accounts.

The School receives a majority of its revenues from the New York State Education Department through the Charter Schools Institute of the State University of New York. The Charter Schools Institute provides general operating support to the School based upon the location and the number of students enrolled. Per pupil General Education and Special Education support provided to the School totaled \$5,304,726 for the year ended June 30, 2014. The School is dependent upon this level of funding in order to continue its operations.

4. Grants and Accounts Receivable

Grants and accounts receivable are deemed to be fully collectible by management at June 30, 2014

5. Property and Equipment, Net

Property and equipment consist of the following at June 30, 2014:

Computers and other equipment	\$ 297,898
Furniture and fixtures	125,679
Leasehold improvements	<u>104,982</u>
	528,559
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(230,351)</u>
	<u>\$ 298,208</u>

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6. Related Party Transactions

The School was granted a charter by The University of the State of New York and as stipulated in its bylaws, at least 51% and no more than 60% of Trustees may also be members of the Board of Directors of East Harlem Tutorial Program ("EHTP") board members thus resulting in common control. The School shares personnel, administrative, and other support under a cost sharing agreement with EHTP, approved by a supermajority of the board. Shared operating costs are allocated to the School based on employee hours spent. As of June 30, 2014 the total shared operating costs allocated from EHTP amounted to \$680,349. Amounts due to EHTP are paid in the normal course of operations.

The accompanying financial statements reflect only the activities and net assets of the School. Management has applied US GAAP Standards in assessing the need to consolidate the financial statements of the School with those of EHTP. Under these standards, consolidation should occur if both an economic interest in the School and control by a majority of common board members exist. Management has determined that EHTP has no economic interest in the School and consolidation is precluded.

7. Agreement with School Facility

The East Harlem Scholars Academy has an agreement through the school year 2015-2016 with the New York City Department of Education for space at the Jackie Robinson Educational Complex (the "Complex"), a New York City public school located at 1573 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. East Harlem Scholars Academy II has an agreement to be permanently co-located at the Complex. The fair value of the rent has not been included in the accompanying financial statements. The School will be responsible for any overtime-related costs for services provided beyond the regular operating hours. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the School did not incur any overtime permit fees.

8. Contingencies

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School maintains commercial insurance to protect itself from such risks and is self-insured for other risks.

The School entered into contractual relationships with certain governmental funding sources. The governmental agencies may request return of funds as a result of noncompliance by the School, as well as additional funds for the use of facilities. The accompanying financial statements make no provision for the possible disallowance or refund, because management does not believe that there are any liabilities to be recorded.

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9. Employee Benefit Plan

The School maintains a deferred compensation plan for all qualified employees. The School elects to make contributions to the plan on a discretionary basis. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the School had contributed \$34,106 to the plan.

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Supplemental Information
June 30, 2014

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Schedule of Financial Position by School
June 30, 2014

	East Harlem Scholars Academy	East Harlem Scholars Academy II	Eliminating Entry	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 884,746	\$ 154,142	\$ -	\$ 1,038,888
Grants and accounts receivable	89,056	161,602	-	250,658
Prepaid expenses	23,049	10,370	-	33,419
Restricted cash	50,000	-	-	50,000
Property and equipment, net	246,772	51,436	-	298,208
Due from East Harlem Scholars Academy II	<u>20,574</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,574)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 1,314,197</u>	<u>\$ 377,550</u>	<u>\$ (20,574)</u>	<u>\$ 1,671,173</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 261,198	\$ 140,507	\$ -	\$ 401,705
Due to East Harlem Tutorial Program	309,924	181,210	-	491,134
Due to East Harlem Scholars Academy	<u>-</u>	<u>20,574</u>	<u>(20,574)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	571,122	342,291	(20,574)	892,839
Net Assets, unrestricted	<u>743,075</u>	<u>35,259</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>778,334</u>
	<u>\$ 1,314,197</u>	<u>\$ 377,550</u>	<u>\$ (20,574)</u>	<u>\$ 1,671,173</u>

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Schedule of Activities by School
Year Ended June 30, 2014

	<u>East Harlem Scholars Academy</u>	<u>East Harlem Scholars Academy II</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Public School District -			
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$ 3,691,882	\$ 1,612,844	\$ 5,304,726
Government grants and contracts	355,352	537,290	892,642
Contributions from foundations	155,600	224,400	380,000
Other income	<u>3,921</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,921</u>
Total Revenue and Support	<u>4,206,755</u>	<u>2,374,534</u>	<u>6,581,289</u>
EXPENSES			
Program services	3,592,685	2,013,182	5,605,867
Management and general	225,982	201,543	427,525
Fundraising	<u>52,108</u>	<u>107,684</u>	<u>159,792</u>
Total Expenses	<u>3,870,775</u>	<u>2,322,409</u>	<u>6,193,184</u>
Change in Net Assets	335,980	52,125	388,105
NET ASSETS (DEFICIT)			
Beginning of year	<u>407,095</u>	<u>(16,866)</u>	<u>390,229</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 743,075</u>	<u>\$ 35,259</u>	<u>\$ 778,334</u>

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East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

OMB Circular A-133 Schedules and Reports

Year Ended June 30, 2014

East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2014

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<u>Department of Education</u>			
Pass-Through Programs From:			
New York State Education Department			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	0021144980	84.010	\$ 33,853
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies Charter Schools	0021144840	84.010	65,356
Charter Schools	0089135055	84.282	111,297
Charter Schools	0089145055	84.282	153,124
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	0147144980	84.367	4,541
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	0147144840	84.367	4,583
<i>Total Department of Education</i>			<u>372,754</u>
 <u>Department of Agriculture</u>			
Pass-Through Programs From:			
New York State Education Department			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	310400860995	10.553	65,280
National School Lunch Program	310400860995	10.555	147,786
National School Lunch Program	310400860995	10.555	36,186
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>249,252</u>
<i>Total Department of Agriculture</i>			<u>249,252</u>
<i>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</i>			<u>\$ 622,006</u>

See independent auditors' report and notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2014

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2014. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School, it is not intended to and does not represent the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-122, *Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

**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***

Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Directors
East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School**

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 East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2014.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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.

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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.

O'Connor Davies, LLP

October 30, 2014

**Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program and Report
on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by
OMB Circular A-133**

Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Directors
East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School's (the "School") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. The School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the School's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance 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 OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014.

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Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the School is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the School's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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October 30, 2014

East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended June 30, 2014**

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:
Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:
Material weakness(es) identified? yes X no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified? yes X none reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance
for major federal programs: Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required
to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a)
of OMB Circular A-133? yes X no

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)
10.553	School Breakfast Program (Cluster)
10.555	National School Lunch Program (Cluster)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish
between Type A and Type B programs: **\$300,000**

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? yes X no

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

During our audit, we noted no material findings for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

During our audit, we noted no material instances of noncompliance and none of the costs reported in the federal financially assisted programs are questioned or recommended to be disallowed.

**East Harlem Scholars Academy
Charter School**

Independent Auditors' Report on Communication of
Internal Control Matters Identified in the Audit

June 30, 2014

**Board of Trustees
East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School**

Auditors' Communication on Internal Control

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School's internal control over financial reporting ("internal control") as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified.

We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

The exhibit set forth below and appended to this letter, include various matters involving internal control that we identified during our audit:

- Exhibit A – Other observations and recommendations for strengthening internal control and/or operating efficiency.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, Management and others within East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School
Addendum A**

Adhere to Capitalization Policy

Our audit procedures revealed that capital expenditures less than \$1,000 have been capitalized in several cases during the year. The School's current capitalization policy requires that only asset purchases of greater than \$1,000 be recorded as fixed assets. We recommend that East Harlem Scholars Academy Charter School adhere to its written policies so there is a consistent application of the capitalization of fixed assets within the organization.

Personnel Files

During our audit we noted that employees were missing I-9's and acknowledgement of receipt of policies and procedures. We recommend that each employee have their I-9 and acknowledgement of receipt of policies and procedures maintained in their respective personnel file.

Management Response to Internal Control Policies FY14

Adhere to capitalization policy

The Finance Team has been re-trained on this issue to ensure that when check request forms are completed, they are coded correctly. The confusion generally revolved around single item vs total purchases.

Personnel Files

We have a new Coordinator, Benefits and Administration handling this task and files are in order. Turnover in the role led to less than ideal filing last year.