# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2017

(WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR JUNE 30, 2016)

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees ROADS Charter School II

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of ROADS Charter School II (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2017, 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.

# **Auditor's 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 of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the School'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 School'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.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ROADS Charter School II as of June 30, 2017, 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.

## **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited ROADS Charter School II's 2016 financial statements and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 28, 2016. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 26, 2017, 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 the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

MBAF CPAS, LLC

New York, NY October 26, 2017

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2017

(WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR JUNE 30, 2016)

ASSETS	2017		
Cash Cash-restricted Grants and other receivables Prepaid expenses and other assets Property and equipment, net Due from related parties	\$ 506,201 75,063 120,585 - - 5,303	\$ 297,038 75,026 579,737 41,999 45,277 194,785	
	\$ 707,152	\$	1,233,862
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
LIABILITIES  Accounts payable and accrued expenses  Accrued salaries and other payroll related expenses  Due to NYC Department of Education  Due to related parties	\$ 40,219 257,277 126,054 20,000	\$	240,109 303,429 - 57,106
	443,550		600,644
NET ASSETS Unrestricted	 263,602		633,218
	\$ 707,152	\$	1,233,862

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

(WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016)

	2017	2016
OPERATING REVENUE		
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$ 3,912,758	\$ 4,245,650
Government grants and contracts	293,679	238,376
	4,206,437	4,484,026
EXPENSES		
Program	4,155,979	4,001,918
Management and general	455,858	933,466
	4,611,837	4,935,384
DEFICIENCY FROM SCHOOL OPERATIONS	(405,400)	(451,358)
SUPPORT AND OTHER INCOME		
Contributions	-	451,079
Interest and other income	35,784	279
	35,784	451,358
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(369,616)	-
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	633,218	633,218
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 263,602	\$ 633,218

#### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

(WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016)

			Program Services		Supporting Services		
	No. of Positions	General Education	Special Education	Total	Management and General	2017	2016
Personnel service costs							
Administrative staff personnel	11	\$ 373,731	\$ 395,317	\$ 769,048	\$ 325,624	\$ 1,094,672	\$ 1,035,402
Instructional personnel	22	571,129	1,219,551	1,790,680	188	1,790,868	2,089,052
Total salaries and staff	33	944,860	1,614,868	2,559,728	325,812	2,885,540	3,124,454
Fringe benefits and payroll taxes		224,224	381,476	605,700	75,100	680,800	672,144
Retirement		10,498	17,943	28,441	3,620	32,061	52,648
Management company fee		207,980	188,853	396,833	3,012	399,845	424,565
Legal services		11,371	10,325	21,696	165	21,861	_
Accounting and audit services		-	-	-	44,020	44,020	45,882
Other purchases of professional and consulting services		66,387	60,282	126,669	266	126,935	27,780
Repairs and maintenance		1,730	1,570	3,300	25	3,325	10,515
Insurance		19,836	18,012	37,848	287	38,135	35,378
Utilities		8,630	7,836	16,466	125	16,591	30,904
Instructional supplies and materials		17,075	15,505	32,580	-	32,580	37,296
Equipment and furnishings		-	-	=	-	=	27,448
Staff development		2,764	2,510	5,274	38	5,312	59,317
Marketing and recruitment		11,967	10,867	22,834	173	23,007	427
Technology		16,648	15,117	31,765	208	31,973	26,026
Food service		5,645	5,126	10,771	64	10,835	9,600
Student services		42,976	39,024	82,000	-	82,000	222,816
Office expense		25,916	23,529	49,445	1,997	51,442	65,330
Depreciation		23,550	21,384	44,934	341	45,275	57,276
Bad debt expense		38,063	34,562	72,625	551	73,176	-
Other		3,705	3,365	7,070	54_	7,124	5,578
		\$ 1,683,825	\$ 2,472,154	\$ 4,155,979	\$ 455,858	\$ 4,611,837	\$ 4,935,384

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

(WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016)

	2017	2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from operating revenue	\$ 4,791,606	\$ 4,208,511
Other cash received	35,784	279
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(4,618,227)	(4,717,829)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	209,163	(509,039)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES  Purchase of property and equipment		(31,686)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	209,163	(540,725)
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	297,038	837,763
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 506,201	\$ 297,038
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) of Change in net assets  Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash	\$ (369,616)	\$ -
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	45,277	57,276
Loss of disposal on property and equipment	-	5,347
Bad debt expense	73,176	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Cash-restricted	(37)	(75,026)
Grants and other receivables	385,976	(490,252)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	41,999	(24,868)
Due from related parties	189,482	(90,259)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(199,890)	47,660
Accrued salaries and other payroll related expenses	(46,152)	165,326
Due to NYC Department of Education	126,054	(161,316)
Due to related parties	(37,106)	57,073
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 209,163	\$ (509,039)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2017

#### 1. NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

ROADS Charter School II (the "School") is a New York State, not-for-profit educational corporation that was incorporated on April 5, 2011 to operate a charter school pursuant to Article 56 of the Educational Law of the State of New York. The School was granted a provisional charter on April 5, 2011, valid for a term of five years and renewable by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The School's charter was renewed and restructured for an additional five years, expiring in July 2022.

The School opened its doors in the fall of 2012 in the Bronx with a rigorous academic program and a highly structured and supportive school culture. While the School is comprised of students from many backgrounds, it is uniquely designed to meet the needs of at-risk students who are currently in the foster care and child welfare system.

The School is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC and a similar provision under New York State income tax laws. The School has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the IRC and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the IRC.

The School's primary source of income is from government funding.

The New York City Department of Education ("NYCDOE") provides free lunches and transportation directly to a majority of the School's students.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Financial Statement Presentation**

The School's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

The classification of the School's net assets and its support, revenues and expenses is based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. It requires that the amounts for each of the three classes of net assets, permanently restricted, temporarily restricted, and unrestricted, be displayed in the statement of financial position and that the amounts of change in each of those classes of net assets be displayed in the statement of activities.

These classes are defined as follows:

<u>Permanently Restricted</u> – Net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the School is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the School.

<u>Temporarily Restricted</u> – Net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the School are limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the School pursuant to those stipulations. When such stipulations end or are fulfilled, such temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as such in the statement of activities.

 $\underline{\text{Unrestricted}}$  – The part of net assets that is neither permanently nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Cash - Restricted

At June 30, 2017, a restricted fund of \$75,063 is held aside to cover debts in the event of the School's dissolution as required by The State University of New York.

#### **Grants and Other Receivables**

Grants receivable represent unconditional promises to give. Grants and other receivables are expected to be collected within one year, are recorded at net realizable value, and amount to \$120,585 and \$579,737 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The School has determined that no allowance for uncollectible accounts is necessary at June 30, 2017 and 2016. Such estimate is based on management's assessments of the creditworthiness of its grantors, the aged basis of its receivables, as well as current economic conditions.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

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

Revenue from federal, state and local government grants and contracts are recorded by the School when qualifying expenditures are incurred and billable. Funds received in advance for which qualifying expenditures have not been incurred would be reflected as due to the NYCDOE from state and local government grants in the accompanying statement of financial position.

The School receives a substantial portion of its support and revenue from the NYCDOE. If the charter school laws were modified, reducing or eliminating these revenues, the School's finances could be materially adversely affected.

#### **Net Assets**

Unrestricted net assets consist of revenues derived from government agencies, public contributions and other revenues for youth education. These net assets account for resources over which the Board of Trustees has discretionary control to use in carrying on the operations of the School.

#### **Donated Goods and Services**

Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the School. Donated goods are recognized if the goods provide a benefit to the School and would have otherwise been purchased. There were no donated goods and services received during the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

#### **Premises Provided by Government Authorities**

The School does not record any in-kind contributions and related costs with respect to dedicated and shared space provided to it by the NYCDOE as the premises are temporary in nature and are excess shared space whereby a fair value cannot be determined, and is industry practice.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are stated at cost and are depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The School has established a \$2,500 threshold above which assets are evaluated to be capitalized. Property and equipment acquired with certain government contract funds is recorded as an expense pursuant to the terms of the contract in which the government funding source retains ownership of the property. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; major renewals and betterments are capitalized.

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#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Impairment

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 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

#### Advertising

The School expenses advertising costs as incurred. The School incurred \$23,007 and \$427 in advertising costs for the years ended June 30, 2017, and 2016, respectively, which is included in the accompanying statement of functional expenses under marketing and recruitment.

#### **Functional Allocation of 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.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Comparative Financial Information**

The June 30, 2017 financial statements include certain prior period summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. In addition, only certain of the notes to the financial statements for June 30, 2016 are presented. As a result, the June 30, 2016 comparative information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, such June 30, 2016 information should be read in conjunction with the School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2016, from which the summarized information was derived.

## **Income Taxes**

The School follows the accounting standard for uncertainty in income taxes. The standard prescribes a minimum recognition threshold and measurement methodology that a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. It also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosure, and transition.

The School files informational returns in the Federal and New York State jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the School is no longer subject to Federal, state, or local income tax examinations for fiscal years before 2014.

The School believes that it has appropriate support for the positions taken on its tax returns. Nonetheless, the amounts ultimately paid, if any, upon resolution of the issues raised by the taxing authorities may differ materially from the amounts accrued for each year. Management believes that its nonprofit status would be sustained upon examination.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2017

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Income Taxes (Continued)**

Should there be interest on underpayments of income tax, the School would classify it as interest expense. The School would classify penalties in connection with underpayments of income tax as other expense.

#### Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the presentation in the current year financial statements. This reclassification had no effect on previously reported change in net assets.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standards update which affects the revenue recognition of entities that enter into either (1) certain contracts to transfer goods or services to customers or (2) certain contracts for the transfer of nonfinancial assets. The update indicates an entity should recognize revenue in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for the goods or services transferred by the entity. The update is to be applied to the beginning of the year of implementation or retrospectively and is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018 and in interim periods in annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Early application is permitted but no earlier than annual reporting periods beginning after December 31, 2016. The School is currently evaluating the effect the update will have on its financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update which aims to improve information provided to creditors, donors, grantors, and others while also reducing complexity and costs. The update is the first phase of a project regarding not-for-profits which aims to improve and simplify net asset classification requirements and improve the information presented and disclosed in financial statements about liquidity, cash flows, and financial performance. The update is effective retrospectively for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with earlier application permitted. The School is currently evaluating the effect the update will have on its financial statements.

In November 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update which amends cash flow statement presentation of restricted cash. The update requires amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents be included with cash and cash equivalents when reconciling the beginning-of-period and end-of-period total amounts shown on the statement of cash flows. The update is effective retrospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted. The School is currently evaluating the effect the update will have on its financial statements.

#### 3. GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Grants and other receivables consist of federal and state entitlements and grants. The School expects to collect these receivables within one year. Grants receivable consist of the following as of June 30,:

	2017		2016	
Title I	\$ -	\$	69,287	
Title II	-		6,569	
NYS Additional Funding	84,734		51,845	
Per Pupil	-		957	
Contribution from NYCT	-		451,079	
Other	35,851			
	<u>\$ 120.585</u>	\$	579.737	

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#### 4. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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

	2017	<u> </u>	 2016
Furniture and fixtures	\$	_	\$ 111,657
Equipment		-	159,684
Software			 53,843
		-	325,184
Less: accumulated depreciation			 (279,907)
	\$	<u> </u>	\$ 45.277

Property and equipment and the related accumulated depreciation was written off as of June 30, 2017. Depreciation and amortization expense was \$45,277 and \$57,276 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

#### 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The School is an affiliate of Roads School, Inc. ("Roads Inc."), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting public schools and helping to start and manage charter schools. During the year ended June 30, 2014, the School entered into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Roads Inc. which provides management, fundraising, and other administrative support services to the School.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the School pays a management fee equivalent to 10% of all public revenues, defined as per-pupil revenues, received by the School during the year. Services provided include general management services. For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, the School incurred management fees of \$399,845 and \$424,565, respectively. Effective July 2017, the School is no longer an affiliate of Roads Inc. and is under the management of New Visions for Public Schools.

A contribution in the amount of \$451,079 was given to Roads II from Roads Inc. in order to cover the deficit during the year ended June 30, 2016. This contribution amount was made through the New York Community Trust to Roads Inc. to be used by the Board of Directors discretion to cover school deficits.

The balance due from Roads Inc. amounted to \$194,785 for the year ended June 30, 2016. Of this amount, \$73,176 was determined to be uncollectible and was written off and recognized as bad debt expense during the year ended June 30, 2017. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, the balance due to Roads Inc. from the School amounted to \$20,000 and \$54,031, respectively.

For operational efficiency and purchasing power, the School also shares expenses with Roads Charter School I ("Roads I"), which is related by common management. At June 30, 2017, the balance due from Roads I to the School amounted to \$5,303. At June 30, 2016, the balance due to Roads I from the School amounted to and \$3,075.

#### 6. AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL FACILITY

The School has entered into a verbal agreement (the "Agreement") with the NYCDOE for dedicated and shared space at a New York City public school located at 1010 Rev. James A Polite Ave, Bronx, New York. The School is not responsible for rent, utilities, custodial services, maintenance, or school safety. Approximately 10,700 square feet is allocated to the School. The Agreement commenced on July 1, 2012 at a cost of \$1 per year. In accordance with industry standards, the amount has not been recorded. The School will be responsible for any overtime-related costs for services provided beyond the regular opening hours.

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#### 7. PENSION PLAN

The School adopted a 401(k) profit sharing plan (the "Plan") which covers most of the employees. The Plan is a defined contribution plan. Employees are eligible to enroll in the Plan on a monthly date with no minimum service time required. The Plan provides for the School to contribute up to 5% of participating employee salary. The School contribution becomes fully vested immediately. For the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, pension expense for the School was \$32,062 and \$52,648, respectively, which is included in retirement in the accompanying statement of functional expenses.

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

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 help protect itself from such 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.

#### 9. CONCENTRATIONS

Financial instruments that potentially subject the School to a concentration of credit risk include cash accounts at a major financial institution that, at times, exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit of \$250,000.

The School received approximately 93% and 86% of its total revenue from per pupil funding from the NYCDOE for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

One major grantor accounted for approximately 99% of grants receivable at June 30, 2017. Three major grantors accounted for approximately 99% of grants receivable at June 30, 2016.

Two vendors accounted for 100% and approximately 88% of accounts payable at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

#### 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In July 2017, the School began doing business as New Visions AIM Charter High School II. However, the School's legal name or filing has not changed.

The School has evaluated events through October 26, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



# 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 Trustees ROADS Charter School II

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 ROADS Charter School II (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2017, 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 26, 2017.

#### **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 School's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

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

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the School in a separate letter dated October 26, 2017.

# **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 School'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 School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

MBAF CPAS, LLC

New York, NY October 26, 2017

# **ROADS Charter School II**

Communication With Those Charged With Governance

OCTOBER 26, 2017





October 26, 2017

To the Audit Committee ROADS Charter School II

We have audited the financial statements of ROADS Charter School II (the "School") for the year ended June 30, 2017 and are prepared to issue our report thereon dated October 26, 2017. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. This letter is divided into two sections: 1) required communications from the auditors to those with audit oversight responsibilities and 2) opportunities for strengthening internal controls or enhancing operating efficiency and our related recommendations.

#### REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS

#### A. Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards:

As stated in our engagement letter May 11, 2017, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of ROADS Charter School II. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control. We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

#### B. Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit:

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on June 2017.

# C. Auditor Independence:

We affirm that MBAF CPAs, LLC is independent with respect to ROADS Charter School II.

#### D. Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices:

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by ROADS Charter School II are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the School during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

#### E. Accounting Estimates Used in the Financial Statements:

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

#### **Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:**

As of June 30, 2017, ROADS Charter School II recorded grants and other receivables of \$120,585. Management concluded that no allowance for doubtful accounts was necessary. Management calculated based on the assessment of the credit-worthiness of the School's grantors, the aged basis of the receivables, as well as economic conditions and historical information. Based on our audit procedures which included a discussion with School's management, we concur with management's conclusion.

#### **Functional Statement Allocation:**

Management's estimate of the allocation of functional expenses is directly identified with the program or supporting service to which they relate. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Depreciation:**

Management's estimate of depreciation is based on estimated useful lives of assets. We evaluated the estimated useful lives of assets in comparison to generally accepted accounting principles in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

# F. Sensitive Disclosures Affecting the Financial Statements:

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure(s) affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of Related Party Transactions in Note 5 to the financial statements which describes the management agreement and intercompany activity with the schools.

The disclosure of Risk Management in Note 8 to the financial statements which describes various risks to which the School is exposed.

#### G. Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements:

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. We will identify those adjustments proposed both corrected and uncorrected:

#### **Proposed and Corrected:**

In the current year, there were 4 audit adjustments (1 reclassification adjustments and 3 prepared by client) that decreased net assets by approximately \$15,000. In the prior year, there were 11 audit adjustments (2 reclassification adjustments and 9 prepared by client) that increased net assets by approximately \$518,000.

The most significant adjustments were:

- To increase net assets \$35,000 to record proceeds from their insurance company.
- To decrease net assets \$20,000 to record a payable due to ROADS Inc.
- To decrease net assets \$30,000 to record severance paid to an employee.

#### **Proposed and Uncorrected:**

There were no audit adjustments proposed and uncorrected.

#### H. Audit Difficulties and Disagreements with Management:

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report.

We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### I. Management Representations:

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 26, 2017.

#### J. Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants:

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the School's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### K. Other Audit Findings or Issues:

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the School's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNAL CONTROLS OR ENHANCING OPERATING EFFICIENCY

We wish to thank management and personnel for their support and assistance during our audit. We would be pleased to further discuss the contents of this report with you at your convenience.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Audit Committee, Board of Trustees, and management of ROADS Charter School II and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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