

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

(Together with Independent Auditors' Report and Report Required by *Government Auditing Standards*)

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020



ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of NYC Autism Charter Schools (the "Schools"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years 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 audits. We conducted our audits 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 auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Schools as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information (shown on pages 15-17) is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the financial statements 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 supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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, based on our audits, the supplementary 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 22, 2021, on our consideration of the Schools' 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 Schools' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

New York, NY October 22, 2021

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NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

ASSETS		2021	 2020
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2C and 12B) Investments, at fair value (Notes 2D, 2E and 5) Contributions and grants receivable (Notes 2F and 2H) Restricted cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2C and 4) Property and equipment, net (Notes 2I and 6)	\$	1,831,164 3,031,234 66,110 151,936 282,423	\$ 1,543,902 2,010,995 12,552 151,920 443,725
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	5.362.867	\$ 4,163,094
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Refundable advances (Note 2G) Loan payable (Note 10)	\$	360,706 58,489	\$ 299,363 - 915,750
TOTAL LIABILITIES		419,195	 1,215,113
CONTINGENCIES (Note 8)			
NET ASSETS (Note 2B)			
Without donor restrictions With donor restrictions (Note 9)		4,810,277 133,395	 2,813,784 134,197
TOTAL NET ASSETS		4,943,672	 2,947,981
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	5,362,867	\$ 4,163,094

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

Year Ended June 30, 2021

Year Ended June 30, 2020

		nout Donor trictions	Donor rictions	 Total	out Donor trictions	Donor rictions		Total
OPERATING REVENUE:	·		<u> </u>			 		
State and local per pupil operating revenue (Notes 2G and 12A) Contributions from individuals (Note 2F) Government grants (Notes 2G and 8B) Grants from foundations (Note 2F) Gain on extinguishment of debt (Note 10) Net assets released from restrictions (Note 9)	\$	7,424,012 107,245 117,183 35,000 915,750 75,802	\$ - - 75,000 - (75,802)	\$ 7,424,012 107,245 117,183 110,000 915,750	\$ 6,264,854 160,586 78,536 80,050 - 86,108	\$ - - - 75,000 - (86,108)	\$	6,264,854 160,586 78,536 155,050
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		8,674,992	 (802)	 8,674,190	 6,670,134	 (11,108)	_	6,659,026
OPERATING EXPENSES (Note 2J):								
Program Services Regular Education		5,645,667	 	 5,645,667	 5,593,218	 <u>-</u>		5,593,218
Total Program Services		5,645,667	 <u>-</u>	 5,645,667	 5,593,218	 		5,593,218
Supporting Services Management and General Fundraising		992,600 70,234	- -	 992,600 70,234	 902,558 94,699	 <u>-</u>		902,558 94,699
Total Supporting Services		1,062,834	 <u>-</u>	 1,062,834	 997,257	 	_	997,257
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		6,708,501	 <u>-</u>	 6,708,501	 6,590,475	 =		6,590,475
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS		1,966,491	 (802)	 1,965,689	 79,659	 (11,108)		68,551
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES:								
Other income (Note 5)		30,002	 <u>-</u> ,	 30,002	 61,074	 		61,074
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES		30,002	 	 30,002	 61,074	 		61,074
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		1,996,493	(802)	1,995,691	140,733	(11,108)		129,625
Net Assets - beginning of year		2,813,784	 134,197	 2,947,981	 2,673,051	 145,305		2,818,356
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	4,810,277	\$ 133,395	\$ 4,943,672	\$ 2,813,784	\$ 134,197	\$	2,947,981

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 2020)

	Prog	ram Services	Supporting Services			pporting Services				
		Regular Education	Ma	anagement and General	F	undraising		Total Supporting Services	 Total 2021	 Total 2020
Salaries and wages Fringe benefits and payroll taxes (Note 11)	\$ 	3,843,724 1,057,949	\$	474,086 126,825	\$	56,575 11,967	\$	530,661 138,792	\$ 4,374,385 1,196,741	\$ 4,413,398 1,184,071
Total Salaries and Related Costs		4,901,673		600,911		68,542		669,453	5,571,126	5,597,469
Consulting and professional fees Classroom and teaching supplies Repairs and maintenance Insurance Staff recruitment and development Communications and outreach Expensed furniture and equipment Travel Office expense Depreciation and amortization		197,389 110,241 6,284 38,926 8,399 27,573 4,919 61,930 52,619 235,714		257,650 - 1,571 9,732 22,044 15,443 2,714 15,482 40,861 26,192		- - - - - - - 1,692		257,650 - 1,571 9,732 22,044 15,443 2,714 15,482 42,553 26,192	 455,039 110,241 7,855 48,658 30,443 43,016 7,633 77,412 95,172 261,906	425,252 77,416 15,977 43,693 29,315 27,752 9,707 4,874 85,869 273,151
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	5,645,667	\$	992,600	\$	70,234	\$	1,062,834	\$ 6,708,501	\$ 6,590,475

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Prog	rogram Services S			Supporting Services			upporting Services				
		Regular Education	M:	anagement and General	<u>Fı</u>	<u>ındraising</u>		Total Supporting Services	 Total 2020			
Salaries and wages Fringe benefits and payroll taxes (Note 11)	\$	3,875,507 1,050,757	\$	457,924 121,437	\$	79,967 11,877	\$	537,891 133,314	\$ 4,413,398 1,184,071			
Total Salaries and Related Costs		4,926,264		579,361		91,844		671,205	5,597,469			
Consulting and professional fees		231,809		193,443		-		193,443	425,252			
Classroom and teaching supplies		77,416		-		-		-	77,416			
Repairs and maintenance		12,782		3,195		-		3,195	15,977			
Insurance		34,954		8,739		-		8,739	43,693			
Staff recruitment and development		8,155		21,160		-		21,160	29,315			
Communications and outreach		15,380		11,161		1,211		12,372	27,752			
Expensed furniture and equipment		2,787		6,920		-		6,920	9,707			
Travel		2,437		2,437		-		2,437	4,874			
Office expense		36,845		47,380		1,644		49,024	85,869			
Depreciation and amortization		244,389		28,762				28,762	 273,151			
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$</u>	5,593,218	\$	902,558	\$	94,699	\$	997,257	\$ 6,590,475			

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

	 2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,995,691	\$ 129,625
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to		
net cash provided by operating activities:		
Unrealized gain on investments	(1,595)	(1,155)
Gain on extinguishment of debt	(915,750)	
Depreciation and amortization expense	261,906	273,151
Subtotal	1,340,252	401,621
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Contributions and grants receivable	(53,558)	2,590
Prepaid expenses and other assets	-	19,159
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	61,343	63,581
Refundable advances	 58,489	 (22,273)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	 1,406,526	 464,678
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(100,604)	(63,758)
Proceeds from maturity of investments	1,810,000	1,675,000
Purchase of investments	 (2,828,644)	 (1,685,865)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	 (1,119,248)	 (74,623)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Loan payable	 <u>-</u>	 915,750
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities	_	915,750
		<u> </u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH	287,278	1,305,805
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash - beginning of year	 1,695,822	 390,017
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,983,100	\$ 1,695,822
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:		
Forgiveness of loan	\$ 915,750	\$

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

New York Center for Autism Charter School ("East Harlem School") is an education corporation formed in 2005 to operate a charter school located in the City of New York, borough of Manhattan. In July 2005, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York (the "Board"), for and on behalf of the State Education Department, granted a provisional charter valid for a term of five years, incorporating the School. On April 20, 2010, the Board granted the School a first charter renewal valid for an additional term of five years through and including April 14, 2015. On June 10, 2015, the Board granted the East Harlem School a second and third charter renewal valid for an additional term of five years through and including June 30, 2020. On October 15, 2019, the Board granted the East Harlem School the fourth charter renewal valid for an additional term of five years through June 30, 2025.

During the year ended June 30, 2016, the East Harlem School received from the State University of New York Charter Schools Institute authorization of the granting of a new charter to establish a New York Center for Autism Charter School Bronx ("Bronx School") that will operate identically to the current Manhattan school. The new Bronx School opened in September 2017 for the 2017-18 school year.

Effective July 1, 2017, East Harlem School and the Bronx School merged under one Education Corporation with the Bronx School Employer Identification Number, and the combined entity is known as NYC Autism Charter Schools (the "Schools"). The Schools operates two separate schools as divisions of the Schools, identified as NYC Autism Charter School East Harlem and NYC Autism Charter School Bronx.

The Schools' mission is to provide individualized, scientifically-based educational services to children with autism and other pervasive developmental disorders. The Schools promotes the achievement of high educational standards and the full intellectual, social, physical, and emotional potential of each of its students. It extends its educational programming beyond the Schools' walls through training, consultation, and support for students' families. The Schools also offers ongoing professional development opportunities to its staff, as well as to other educators in New York City and the surrounding area. The Schools are exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and are classified as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3).

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Basis of Accounting The Schools prepare its financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. The Schools adhere to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").
- B. Net Assets Net assets and revenues are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

<u>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</u> – represent net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations that are available for the general support of the Schools' operations.

<u>Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</u> – represent net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met by actions of the Schools or by the passage of time.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Cash and Cash Equivalents – Cash equivalents include all highly liquid instruments purchased with maturities of 90 days or less. The following table provides a reconciliation of cash and restricted cash reported within the statements of financial position at June 30 that sum to the total of the same such amounts shown in the statements of cash flows.

	<u>J</u>	une 30, 2021	June 30, 2020				
Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash	\$	1,831,164 151,936	\$	1,543,902 151,920			
Total	\$	1,983,100	\$	1,695,822			

- D. **Investments** Investments are stated at fair value. Donated securities are recorded at their fair values on the date received using an average of the high and low price on the date received. Investment income is recorded as revenue in the period earned.
- E. **Fair Value Measurements** Fair value measurements are the prices that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, a fair value hierarchy prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three levels, as described in Note 5.
- F. **Contributions and Grants** Contributions received, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the appropriate category of net assets in the period received. Conditional promises to give are recognized when they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions are substantially met. All contributions receivable are expected to be collected within one year.
- G. Government Support State and local per pupil revenue resulting from the Schools' charter status, which is based on the number of students enrolled, is recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement.

Performance obligations are determined based on the nature of the services provided by the Schools in accordance with the contract. Revenue for performance obligations satisfied over time is recognized as the services are provided. This method depicts the transfer of services over the term of the performance obligation based on the inputs needed to satisfy the obligation. The Schools measures the performance obligation from the beginning of the next month or day to the point when it is no longer required to provide services under the contract or has met the requirements to bill for the services provided, which is generally at the end of each month or period of time allowed based on the government agencies' stipulations.

The Schools' performance obligations are primarily satisfied over time during the course of an academic year, therefore, there are no performance obligations or contract balances that are unsatisfied as of June 30, 2021. The performance obligations for these contracts are completed when the service is completed and upon submission of required documentation. The Schools determines the transaction price based on the established per pupil reimbursement rate.

Revenue from federal, state and local government grants and contracts is recorded by the Schools when qualifying expenditures are incurred and billable. Funds received in advance for which expenditures have not been incurred are reflected as refundable advances in the statements of financial position. Governmental grants are recognized as revenue when barriers within the contract are overcome and there is no longer a right of return. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Schools had no conditional grants and contracts from government agencies that have not been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- H. Contributions and Grants Receivable Contributions and grants receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Schools provide an allowance for doubtful accounts for receivables. This estimate is based on management's assessment of the aged basis of its government funding sources, current economic conditions and creditworthiness of its donors and grantors. The Schools determined that no allowance for doubtful accounts was necessary as of June 30, 2021 and 2020.
- Property and Equipment The Schools capitalize property and equipment having a cost of \$500 or
 more and a useful life of at least one year. Depreciation is recognized using the straight-line method over
 the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straightline basis over the lesser of the life of the improvements or the charter term.
- J. Functional Allocation of Expenses The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.
 - The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include occupancy, insurance, depreciation, and amortization, which are allocated on a square footage basis, as well as salaries and wages, benefits, payroll taxes, professional services, office expenses, information technology, interest and other, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.
- K. Use of 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 disclosures of contingencies at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses recognized during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

As part of the Schools' liquidity management, the investment accounts are structured to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. Their reserves are maintained in highly liquid products. CDs are laddered to ensure cash is available if needed. They have no exposure to illiquid assets.

The Schools' financial assets available within one year of the statements of financial position date for general expenditures are as follows:

	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,831,164	\$ 1,543,902
Investments	3,031,234	2,010,995
Contributions and grant receivable	66,110	12,552
	4,928,508	3,567,449
Less: Net assets with donor restrictions	(133,395)	(134,197)
	\$ 4,801,924	\$ 3,433,252

NOTE 4 - RESTRICTED CASH

The New York City Department of Education (the "NYCDOE") requires the Schools to maintain funds in a separate cash account to have funds available to ensure an orderly liquidation, dissolution or transition process if the Schools' charters were to be terminated or the Schools were closed for other reasons. Restricted cash amounted to \$151,936 and \$151,920 as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Investments consisted of the following as of June 30, 2021 and were classified in the table below in two of the three levels as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 1,650,000	\$ 1,650,000
Money market funds	244,963	-	244,963
Cash*	-	-	1,136,271
Total investments			\$ 3,031,234

^{*}Investments as of June 30, 2021 include cash in the amount of \$1,136,271 intended for long-term investments.

Investments consisted of the following as of June 30, 2020 and were classified in the table below in two of the three levels as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 1,810,215	\$ 1,810,215
Money market funds	200,780		200,780
Total investments	\$ 200,780	\$ 1,810,215	\$ 2,010,995

Investments are subject to market volatility that could substantially change their carrying values in the near term.

Investment income consisted of the following for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 and is included in other income in the accompanying statements of activities:

	202	1	2020
Interest and dividends	\$ 20,50	9 \$	37,047
Unrealized gain on investments	1,59	<u> </u>	1,15 <u>5</u>
Total	\$ 22,10	4 \$	38,202

The fair value hierarchy defines three levels as follows:

Level 1: Valuations based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in an active market that are accessible at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs. Level 1 valuations are obtained from real-time quotes for transactions in active exchange markets involving identical assets.

Level 2: Valuations for assets and liabilities traded in less active dealer or broker markets. Valuations are obtained from third-party pricing services for identical or similar assets or liabilities.

NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Level 3: Valuations for assets and liabilities that are derived from other valuation methodologies, including option pricing models, discounted cash flow models or similar techniques, and not based on market exchange, dealer, or broker-traded transactions. Level 3 valuations incorporate certain assumptions and projections in determining the fair value assigned to such assets or liabilities.

In determining fair value, the Schools utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible in its assessment of fair value. Investments in money market funds are valued using market prices in active markets (Level 1). Investments in certificates of deposit are valued based on average daily yields and other observable inputs (Level 2).

The Schools' policy is to recognize transfers in and out between fair value levels as of the beginning of the period in which the transfer takes place. During the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, no such transfers between fair value levels occurred.

NOTE 6 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment consisted of the following as of June 30:

	2021	2020	Estimated <u>Useful Lives</u>
Furniture and fixtures Computer equipment	\$ 562,069 548,981	\$ 514,507 498,569	5 years 3 years Remaining charter
Leasehold improvements	<u>889,518</u>	886,888	term
Less: accumulated depreciation and	2,000,568	1,899,964	
amortization	(1,718,145)	(1,456,239)	
Total	<u>\$ 282,423</u>	<u>\$ 443,725</u>	

Depreciation and amortization expense amounted to \$261,906 and \$273,151 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

NOTE 7 – SCHOOL FACILITIES

- A. East Harlem School has a Facility Shared Use Agreement (the "Facility Agreement") with the NYCDOE for dedicated and shared space at P.S. 50, a New York City public school located at 433 East 100th Street, New York, New York at a cost of \$1 per year. The total square footage utilized by East Harlem School during the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 amounted to approximately 8,200 square feet. East Harlem School will continue to operate under the terms of the Facility Agreement unless either party terminates the Facility Agreement with appropriate notice. In addition, East Harlem School continues to be responsible for any overtime-related costs for services provided beyond the regular opening hours.
- B. Bronx School is co-located on the 4th floor of 1180 Tinton Avenue in the Bronx. The space houses eight classrooms, one student gym, one staff room and multiple administrative spaces. Each classroom is approximately 600 square feet, and the school occupies approximately 7,500 square feet at the site.

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NOTE 8 – CONTINGENCIES

- A. The Schools believes it had no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 740, "Income Taxes," which provides standards for establishing and classifying any tax provisions for uncertain tax positions.
- B. Certain grants and contracts may be subject to audit by funding sources. Such audits might result in disallowances of costs submitted for reimbursement by the Schools. Management is of the opinion that such disallowances, if any, will not have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements. Accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements for such potential claims.
- C. In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") as a pandemic, which continues to spread throughout the United States. The Schools could be materially and adversely affected by the risks, or the public perception of the risks, related to an epidemic, pandemic, outbreak, or other public health crisis, such as the recent outbreak of COVID-19. Even when school buildings were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Schools was able to continue to deliver educational services remotely. However, the delay in receiving a per pupil increase, which was frozen for over eight years, along with increased technology expenditures, expenditures related to personal protective equipment and re-opening planning, as well as a decrease in fundraising dollars (e.g., the Spring event was cancelled) all had some budgetary impact. As the situation continues to evolve and change, the Schools is closely monitoring the effects of the pandemic on all aspects of its business, including the possibility of a reimbursement decrease or hold-back, additional increases in certain categories of expenses, and enrollment shifts.

NOTE 9 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions were available for the following purposes as of June 30:

Purpose restricted:	 2021	 2020
Extended school-year program	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Transition program	8,938	8,938
NEXT for Young Adult Program	 49,457	 50,259
	\$ 133,395	\$ 134,197

For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, net assets with donor restrictions were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by the occurrence of other events specified by donors as follows:

Purpose restrictions accomplished:	 2021	 2020		
Extended school-year program	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000		
Other	 802	 11,108		
	\$ 75.802	\$ 86.108		

NOTE 10 – PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM LOAN

On March 27, 2020, in response to COVID-19, the federal government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). Among many other provisions, to help businesses retain employees, the CARES Act provides relief to qualifying businesses through a program called the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"). Participating in the PPP enables the business to obtain a loan from the Small Business Administration ("SBA") sector of the government. If the proceeds from the loan are used for specified purposes, some or all of the loan can be forgiven.

NOTE 10 - PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM LOAN (Continued)

The Schools applied for this loan through an SBA authorized lender – Bank of America and received \$915,750 in May 2020. Management has opted to account for the proceeds as a loan under FASB ASC 470, "Debt," until the loan is, in part or wholly, forgiven and the Schools has been "legally released." Accordingly, the loan was recorded as a loan payable as of June 30, 2020. On February 9, 2021, the loan was fully forgiven and the Schools was legally released from its obligations. As a result, the Schools recorded the forgiveness of the loan as gain on extinguishment of debt in the June 30, 2021 statement of activities.

NOTE 11 - PENSION PLAN

The Schools maintain a defined contribution plan ("Plan") in accordance with the provisions of Section 401(k) of the Code. This Plan is available to all eligible full-time employees who have completed at least one year of service. The Schools, at its own discretion, can make matching and nonelective contributions. Effective July 1, 2013, the Plan was amended to match each participant's contribution, up to a maximum 4% of gross compensation. Contributions amounted to \$72,317 and \$50,014 for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and are included in fringe benefits and payroll taxes in the accompanying statements of functional expenses.

NOTE 12 – CONCENTRATIONS

- A. The Schools receive a majority of its revenues from the New York State Education Department through the New York City Department of Education Office of Schools. The New York City Department of Education provides general operating support to the Schools based upon the location and the number of students enrolled. Operating support provided to the Schools by the New York City Department of Education totaled \$7,482,501 and \$6,264,854, respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. The Schools are dependent upon this level of funding in order to continue its operations.
- B. Cash accounts that potentially subject the Schools to a concentration of credit risk include cash accounts with banks that exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance limits. Cash accounts are insured up to \$250,000 per depositor. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, there was approximately \$1,597,000 and \$1,307,000, respectively, of cash and cash equivalents held by a bank that exceeded FDIC limits.

NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated, for potential accrual or disclosure, events subsequent to the date of the statement of financial position through October 22, 2021, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS SCHEDULES OF ACTIVITIES - BY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

		East Harlem School		Bronx Scho	ol	Total					
	Without Donor Restrictions			Without Donor With Dono Restrictions Restriction		Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total			
OPERATING REVENUE:											
State and local per pupil operating revenue Contributions from individuals Government grants Grants from foundations Gain on extinguishment of debt Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 4,362,900 80,717 50,830 35,000 915,750 45,802	· -	\$ 4,362,900 80,717 50,830 80,000 915,750	\$ 3,061,112 \$ 26,528 66,353 - 30,000 (30,000)		\$ 7,424,012 107,245 117,183 35,000 915,750 75,802	\$ - - 75,000 - (75,802)	\$ 7,424,012 107,245 117,183 110,000 915,750			
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	5,490,999	(802)	5,490,197	3,183,993	3,183,993	8,674,992	(802)	8,674,190			
OPERATING EXPENSES:											
Program Services											
Regular Education	3,099,484		3,099,484	2,546,183	2,546,183	5,645,667		5,645,667			
Total Program Services	3,099,484		3,099,484	2,546,183	2,546,183	5,645,667		5,645,667			
Supporting Services Management and General Fundraising	551,629 45,288		551,629 45,288	440,971 24,946	440,971	992,600 70,234	<u> </u>	992,600 70,234			
Total Supporting Services	596,917		596,917	465,917	465,917	1,062,834		1,062,834			
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,696,401		3,696,401	3,012,100	3,012,100	6,708,501		6,708,501			
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS	1,794,598	(802)	1,793,796	171,893	171,893	1,966,491	(802)	1,965,689			
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES:											
Other income	28,932		28,932	1,070	1,070	30,002		30,002			
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	28,932		28,932	1,070	1,070	30,002		30,002			
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,823,530	(802)	1,822,728	172,963	172,963	1,996,493	(802)	1,995,691			
Net Assets - beginning of year	2,743,688	104,197	2,847,885	70,096 30,	100,096	2,813,784	134,197	2,947,981			
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 4,567,218	\$ 103,395	\$ 4,670,613	\$ 243,059 \$ 30,	900 \$ 273,059	\$ 4,810,277	\$ 133,395	\$ 4,943,672			

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NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS SCHEDULES OF ACTIVITIES - BY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	E	ast Harlem School		-	Bronx School		Total					
	Without Donor Restrictions With Donor Restrictions		Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total			
OPERATING REVENUE:												
State and local per pupil operating revenue Contributions from individuals Government grants Grants from foundations Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 3,591,477 128,080 46,216 57,406 56,108	\$ - - - 45,000 (56,108)	\$ 3,591,477 128,080 46,216 102,406	\$ 2,673,377 32,506 32,320 22,644 30,000	\$ - - - 30,000 (30,000)	\$ 2,673,377 32,506 32,320 52,644 	\$ 6,264,854 160,586 78,536 80,050 86,108	\$ - - - 75,000 (86,108)	\$ 6,264,854 160,586 78,536 155,050			
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,879,287	(11,108)	3,868,179	2,790,847	-	2,790,847	6,670,134	(11,108)	6,659,026			
OPERATING EXPENSES:												
Program Services Regular Education	3,103,253		3,103,253	2,489,965		2,489,965	5,593,218		5,593,218			
Total Program Services	3,103,253		3,103,253	2,489,965		2,489,965	5,593,218		5,593,218			
Supporting Services Management and General Fundraising	485,857 56,572	<u> </u>	485,857 56,572	416,701 38,127		416,701 38,127	902,558 94,699		902,558 94,699			
Total Supporting Services	542,429		542,429	454,828		454,828	997,257		997,257			
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,645,682		3,645,682	2,944,793		2,944,793	6,590,475		6,590,475			
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS	233,605	(11,108)	222,497	(153,946)		(153,946)	79,659	(11,108)	68,551			
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES:												
Other income	60,662		60,662	412		412	61,074		61,074			
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	60,662	<u> </u>	60,662	412		412	61,074		61,074			
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	294,267	(11,108)	283,159	(153,534)	-	(153,534)	140,733	(11,108)	129,625			
Net Assets - beginning of year	2,449,421	115,305	2,564,726	223,630	30,000	253,630	2,673,051	145,305	2,818,356			
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,743,688	\$ 104,197	\$ 2,847,885	\$ 70,096	\$ 30,000	\$ 100,096	\$ 2,813,784	\$ 134,197	\$ 2,947,981			

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NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - BY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	East Harlem School							Bronx School															
	Prog	gram Services Supporting Services			Prog	Program Services		S	Suppor	rting Services	es			Prog	ram Services	Supporting Service							
		Regular Education	Management and General	Fu	ndraising	Total Supporting Services	Total		Regular Education	М	lanagement and General	Fu	ındraising	-	Total Supporting Services	Total		Regular Education	Management and General	<u>_</u> F	undraisin <u>g</u>	Total Supporting Services	Total 2021
Salaries and wages Fringe benefits and payroll taxes	\$	2,125,443 608,777	\$ 269,456 73,735	\$	37,360 6,894	\$ 306,816 80,629	\$ 2,432,259 689,406	\$	1,718,281 449,172	\$	204,630 53,090	\$	19,215 5,073	\$	223,845 58,163	\$ 1,942,126 507,335	\$	3,843,724 1,057,949	\$ 474,086 126,825	\$	56,575 11,967	\$ 530,661 138,792	\$ 4,374,385 1,196,741
Total Salaries and Related Costs		2,734,220	343,191		44,254	387,445	3,121,665		2,167,453		257,720		24,288		282,008	2,449,461		4,901,673	600,911		68,542	669,453	5,571,126
Consulting and professional fees Classroom and teaching supplies		123,963 61,230	139,290		:	139,290	263,253 61,230		73,426 49,011		118,360		:		118,360	191,786 49,011		197,389 110,241	257,650		:	257,650	455,039 110,241
Repairs & maintenance Insurance		5,712 19,463	1,428 4,866		-	1,428 4,866	7,140 24,329		572 19,463		143 4,866		-		143 4,866	715 24,329		6,284 38,926	1,571 9,732		-	1,571 9,732	7,855 48,658
Staff recruitment and development Communications and outreach		5,389 15,208	14,004 9,225		-	14,004 9,225	19,393 24,433		3,010 12,365		8,040 6,218		-		8,040 6,218	11,050 18,583		8,399 27,573	22,044 15,443		-	22,044 15,443	30,443 43,016
Expensed furniture and equipment Travel		2,513 37,557 29,367	1,928 9,389 21,101		1.034	1,928 9,389 22,135	4,441 46,946 51,502		2,406 24,373 23,252		786 6,093 19,760		- - 658		786 6,093 20.418	3,192 30,466 43,670		4,919 61,930 52,619	2,714 15,482 40,861		1.692	2,714 15,482 42,553	7,633 77,412 95,172
Office expense Depreciation and amortization		64,862	7,207		-	7,207	72,069		170,852	_	18,985		-		18,985	189,837		235,714	26,192	_		26,192	261,906
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	3,099,484	\$ 551,629	\$	45,288	\$ 596,917	\$ 3,696,401	\$	2,546,183	\$	440,971	\$	24,946	\$	465,917	\$ 3,012,100	\$	5,645,667	\$ 992,600	\$	70,234	\$ 1,062,834	\$ 6,708,501

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

To the Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools

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 NYC Autism Charter Schools (the "Schools"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, 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 22, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Schools' 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 Schools' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Schools' 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Schools' 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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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 Schools' internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Schools' internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

New York, NY October 22, 2021