

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

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

Year Ended June 30, 2018



ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS

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

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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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 statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, 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 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, 2018, 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

Effective July 1, 2017, NYC Autism Charter Schools was established through the merger of New York Center for Autism Charter School and New York Center for Autism Charter School Bronx ("Bronx School"). The financial statements of New York Center for Autism Charter School as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017 were audited by us. Approximately \$536,000 of net assets from the Bronx School were merged to NYC Autism Charter Schools as of July 1, 2017 (Note 11).

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information (shown on page 13) 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 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, based on our audit, 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 19, 2018, 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.

Marks Paneth US

New York, NY October 19, 2018



ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2C and 9B) Investments, at fair value (Notes 2D, 2E, and 4) Contributions and grants receivable (Notes 2F and 2H) Prepaid expenses and other assets Restricted cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2C and 3) Property and equipment, net (Notes 2I and 5)	\$	673,758 1,960,525 48,986 9,874 125,899 444,560
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	3,263,602
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Refundable advances (Note 2G)	\$	218,168 22,273
TOTAL LIABILITIES		240,441
CONTINGENCIES (Note 7)		
NET ASSETS (Note 2B)		
Unrestricted		2,939,223
Temporarily restricted (Note 8)		83,938
TOTAL NET ASSETS		3,023,161
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	3,263,602

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
OPERATING REVENUE:			
State and local per pupil operating revenue (Notes 2G and 9A)	\$ 4,090,941	\$-	\$ 4,090,941
Contributions from individuals (Note 2F)	142,446	-	142,446
Government grants (Notes 2G and 7B)	599,622	-	599,622
Grants from foundations (Note 2F)	25,000	75,500	100,500
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 8)	152,816	(152,816)	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	5,010,825	(77,316)	4,933,509
OPERATING EXPENSES (Note 2J):			
Program Services			
Regular Education	4,003,563		4,003,563
Total Program Services	4,003,563		4,003,563
Supporting Services			
Management and General	930,649	-	930,649
Fundraising	75,437		75,437
Total Supporting Services	1,006,086		1,006,086
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	5,009,649		5,009,649
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS	1,176	(77,316)	(76,140)
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Other income (Note 4)	24,180	<u> </u>	24,180
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	24,180		24,180
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	25,356	(77,316)	(51,960)
Net Assets - beginning of year (Note 11)	2,913,867	161,254	3,075,121
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,939,223	<u>\$83,938</u>	\$ 3,023,161

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	Program Services	Sup	Supporting Services				
	Regular Education	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Supporting Services	Total		
Salaries and wages Fringe benefits and payroll taxes (Note 10)	\$ 2,780,354 720,565	\$	\$ 45,290 8,094	\$ 621,700 105,218	\$ 3,402,054 825,783		
Total Salaries and Related Costs	3,500,919	673,534	53,384	726,918	4,227,837		
Consulting and professional fees Classroom and teaching supplies Repairs & maintenance Insurance Staff recruitment and development Communications and outreach Expensed furniture and equipment Travel Office expense	168,930 84,985 94,788 31,257 1,484 16,708 7,928 2,498 11,900	102,378 - 31,548 7,814 13,331 18,742 10,003 2,498 61,672	- - - 9,346 - - 12,707	102,378 31,548 7,814 13,331 28,088 10,003 2,498 74,379	271,308 84,985 126,336 39,071 14,815 44,796 17,931 4,996 86,279		
Depreciation and amortization	82,166	9,129	-	9,129	91,295		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,003,563	\$ 930,649	<u>\$ 75,437</u>	<u>\$ 1,006,086</u>	\$ 5,009,649		

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Change in net assets	\$	(51,960)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to		
net cash used in operating activities:		
Unrealized loss on investments		1,517
Depreciation and amortization expense		91,295
Subtotal		40,852
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Contributions and grants receivable		(48,986)
Prepaid expenses and other assets		36,972
(Decrease) increase in liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(12,141)
Refundable advances		(106,887)
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities		(90,190)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Increase in restricted cash		(55,855)
Purchases of property and equipment		(313,264)
Proceeds from maturity of investments		2,005,000
Purchase of investments		(1,870,805)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(234,924)
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NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(325,114)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year		998,872
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$	673,758

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 School a second and third charter renewal valid for an additional term of five years through and including June 30, 2020.

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 promote 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 offer 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 and is 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.
- B. Basis of Presentation The Schools maintain its net assets under the following two classes;

<u>Unrestricted</u> – represents net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Contributions are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.

<u>Temporarily Restricted</u> – represents net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met by actions of the Schools or by the passage of time.

- C. Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash equivalents include all highly liquid instruments purchased with maturities of 90 days or less.
- 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.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- 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 4.
- 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 and based on the number of students enrolled is recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement.

Revenue from federal, state and local government grants and contract are 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 accompanying statement of financial position.

- H. Contributions and Grants Receivable Contributions and grants receivables 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, 2018.
- 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 Schools allocate expenses on a functional basis among its programs and supporting services. Expenses that can be identified as belonging to a specific program and/or support service are allocated directly according to their natural expense classification.
- 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 - 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 \$125,899 as of June 30, 2018.

NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Investments consisted of the following as of June 30, 2018 and were classified in the table below in two of the three levels as follows:

	 Level 1		Level 2		Total
Certificates of deposit Money market funds	\$ - 89,159	\$	1,871,366 -	\$	1,871,366 <u>89,159</u>
Total investments	\$ 89,159	<u>\$</u>	1,871,366	<u>\$</u>	1,960,525

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 year ended June 30, 2018 and is included in other income in the accompanying statement of activities:

Interest and dividends	\$ 22,025
Unrealized loss on investments	 (1,517)
Total	\$ 20,508

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.

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 year ended June 30, 2018, no such transfers between fair value levels occurred.

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NOTE 5 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment consisted of the following as of June 30, 2018:

		Estimated <u>Useful Lives</u>
Furniture and fixtures Computer equipment	\$ 376,530 417,511	5 years 3 years Remaining
Leasehold improvements	618,884	charter term
	1,412,925	
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(968,365)	
Total	<u>\$ 444,560</u>	

Depreciation and amortization expense amounted to \$91,295 for the year ended June 30, 2018.

NOTE 6 – 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 year ended June 30, 2018 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 8 classrooms, 1 student gym, 1 staff room and multiple administrative spaces. Each classroom is approximately 600 square feet, and the school occupies approximately 7500 square feet at the site. Bronx School was requested by the NYCDOE to re-locate after 1 year in existence due to changed space planning.

NOTE 7 – CONTINGENCIES

- A. The Schools believe it had no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2018, 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.

NOTE 8 – TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets were available for the following purposes as of June 30, 2018:

Purpose restricted:		
Extended school-year program	\$	75,000
Transition program		8,938
	<u>\$</u>	83,938

For the year ended June 30, 2018, temporarily restricted net assets 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:

Extended school-year program	\$ 45,000
Payroll for two positions	104,000
Other	 3,816
	\$ 152,816

NOTE 9 – 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 \$4,090,941 for the year ended June 30, 2018. 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, 2018, there was approximately \$435,000 of cash and cash equivalents held by a bank that exceeded FDIC limits.

NOTE 10 - PENSION PLAN

The Schools maintain a defined contribution plan ("Plan") in accordance with the provisions of Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. This Plan is available to all eligible full-time employees who have 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 3% of gross compensation. Contributions amounted to \$42,628 for the year ended June 30, 2018, and are included in fringe benefits and payroll taxes in the accompanying statement of functional expenses.

NOTE 11 - MERGER

Pursuant to an order of consolidation and extension to provisional charter dated June 8, 2017 (the "Order"), by the University of the State of New York, Education Department, the Bronx School Corporation and the East Harlem School Corporation consolidated its operations. The order consolidated the corporations under the name "NYC Autism Charter Schools", effective July 1, 2017 (the "Merger Date") and the separate existence of the two educational corporations ceased on the merger date. The amounts recognized as of the Merger Date for each major class of assets and liabilities and each class of net assets are as follows:

	As of July 1, 2017									
						Elimin	atio	on		Total
	East H	arlem School	Bro	nx School		Debit		Credit	NYC	Autism Schools
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	199,709	\$	799,163	\$	-	\$	-	\$	998,872
Investments, at fair value		2,096,237		-		-		-		2,096,237
Due from related party		218,894		-		-		(218,894)		-
Prepaid expenses and other assets		21,939		24,907		-		-		46,846
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		70,044		-		-		-		70,044
Property and equipment		997,830		101,831		-		-		1,099,661
Accumulated depreciation		(877,070)		-		-		-		(877,070)
Property and equipment, net		120,760		101,831		-		-		222,591
Liabilities						-		-		-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		166,651		63,658		-		-		230,309
Due to related party		-		218,894		(218,894)		-		-
Refundable advances		22,273		106,887		-		-		129,160
Net assets										
Unrestricted		2,377,405		536,462		-		-		2,913,867
Temporarily restricted		161,254		-		-		-		161,254
Total net assets	\$	2,538,659	\$	536,462	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,075,121

NOTE 12 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year end, the Bronx School was relocated to a different facility. Leasehold improvements of approximately \$92,000 as of June 30, 2018 will be written off during the fiscal year 2019.

Management has evaluated, for potential accrual or disclosure, events subsequent to the date of the statements of financial position through October 19, 2018, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NYC AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS COMBINING SCHEDULES OF ACTIVITIES BY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	East Harlem School					Bronx School							Total					
	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Total	U	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Total		Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Total	
OPERATING REVENUE:		_																
State and local per pupil operating revenue Contributions from individuals Government grants Grants from foundations Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 2,998,44 130,32 29,3 25,00 	26 12 00	\$ - - - 45,500 (152,816)	\$	2,998,441 130,326 29,312 70,500	\$	1,092,500 12,120 570,310 -	\$	- - 30,000 -	\$	1,092,500 12,120 570,310 30,000 -	\$	4,090,941 142,446 599,622 25,000 152,816	\$	- - 75,500 (152,816)	\$	4,090,941 142,446 599,622 100,500 -	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	3,335,89	95	(107,316)		3,228,579		1,674,930		30,000		1,704,930	_	5,010,825		(77,316)		4,933,509	
OPERATING EXPENSES:																		
Program Services Regular Education	2,793,14	41			2,793,141		1,210,422		-		1,210,422		4,003,563				4,003,563	
Total Program Services	2,793,14	41		_	2,793,141		1,210,422		-		1,210,422		4,003,563		-		4,003,563	
Supporting Services Management and General Fundraising	499,82 43,4		-		499,824 43,410		430,825 32,027			_	430,825 32,027		930,649 75,437		-	_	930,649 75,437	
Total Supporting Services	543,23	34			543,234		462,852				462,852		1,006,086		-		1,006,086	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3,336,3	75			3,336,375		1,673,274				1,673,274		5,009,649				5,009,649	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM OPERATIONS	(48	<u>80</u>)	(107,316)		(107,796)	-	1,656		30,000		31,656		1,176		(77,316)		(76,140)	
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES:																		
Other income	23,62	28			23,628		552				552	_	24,180		-		24,180	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	23,62	28	<u> </u>		23,628		552		-		552	_	24,180		-		24,180	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	23,14	48	(107,316)	_	(84,168)		2,208		30,000		32,208		25,356		(77,316)		(51,960)	
Net Assets - beginning of year	2,377,40	05	161,254	_	2,538,659		536,462		<u> </u>		536,462		2,913,867		161,254		3,075,121	
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,400,55	53	\$ 53,938	\$	2,454,491	<u>\$</u>	538,670	\$	30,000	\$	568,670	\$	2,939,223	\$	83,938	\$	3,023,161	

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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, 2018, 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 19, 2018.

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

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.

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