



Financial Statements
(Together with Independent Auditors' Report)

And

Report Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

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ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Together with Independent Auditors' Report)**

June 30, 2015 and 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees of
Children's Aid College Prep Charter School

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Children's Aid College Prep Charter School (the "Charter School") which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, 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 of material misstatements.

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 Charter School as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2015 on our consideration of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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New York, NY
October 30, 2015

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2B and 7)	\$ 1,297,748	\$ 631,931
Grants and contracts receivable (Notes 2E and 3)	325,893	303,234
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<u>43,104</u>	<u>4,357</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,666,745	939,522
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net (Note 2F and 4)	<u>149,644</u>	<u>214,151</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,816,389</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,153,673</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 248,634	\$ 90,865
Accrued payroll and benefits	470,621	293,420
Deferred revenue	7,294	15,840
Due to related party (Note 8)	<u>339,865</u>	<u>72,539</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,066,414	472,664
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 6)		
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	<u>749,975</u>	<u>681,009</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>749,975</u>	<u>681,009</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,816,389</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,153,673</u></u>

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

**CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT:		
Public School District (Notes 2D and 7)		
Resident student enrollment	\$ 3,823,600	\$ 2,795,503
Students with disabilities	604,382	250,322
Grants and Contracts (Notes 2D and 7)		
State and local	200,000	125,000
Federal - Title 1 and IDEA	189,597	149,679
Other	<u>28,445</u>	<u>13,053</u>
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT	<u>4,846,024</u>	<u>3,333,557</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Program Services		
Regular Education	4,141,226	3,215,868
Special Education	<u>426,261</u>	<u>71,424</u>
Total Program Services	<u>4,567,487</u>	<u>3,287,292</u>
Supporting Services		
Management and General	509,072	369,749
Fundraising	<u>50,008</u>	<u>32,938</u>
Total Supporting Services	<u>559,080</u>	<u>402,687</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>5,126,567</u>	<u>3,689,979</u>
DEFICIT FROM SCHOOL OPERATIONS	<u>(280,543)</u>	<u>(356,422)</u>
OTHER REVENUE:		
Contributions from individuals (Notes 2C and 8)	76,759	51,117
Contributions passed-through Children's Aid (Notes 2C and 8)	<u>272,750</u>	<u>251,750</u>
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	<u>349,509</u>	<u>302,867</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	<u>68,966</u>	<u>(53,555)</u>
Net Assets - beginning of the year	<u>681,009</u>	<u>734,564</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF THE YEAR	<u><u>\$ 749,975</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 681,009</u></u>

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

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended
June 30, 2014)

	Program Services			Supporting Services			Total	
	Regular Education	Special Education	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Supporting Services	2015	2014
Salaries	\$ 2,022,497	\$ 290,999	\$ 2,313,496	\$ -	\$ 39,503	\$ 39,503	\$ 2,352,999	\$ 1,703,749
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	544,950	67,529	612,479	-	10,298	10,298	622,777	518,022
Management Company Fees - Contracted Services (Note 8)	447,474	-	447,474	485,152	-	485,152	932,626	664,839
Legal Service	-	-	-	4,346	-	4,346	4,346	-
Accounting / Audit Services	-	-	-	11,500	-	11,500	11,500	25,000
Other Purchased / Professional / Consulting Services	383,560	51,952	435,512	2,792	-	2,792	438,304	322,801
Repairs & Maintenance	138,306	1,986	140,292	-	-	-	140,292	29,924
Insurance	20,885	-	20,885	-	-	-	20,885	16,658
Utilities	15,836	-	15,836	-	-	-	15,836	15,995
Supplies / Materials	209,674	837	210,511	16	-	16	210,527	116,704
Equipment / Furnishings	70,316	-	70,316	-	-	-	70,316	29,228
Staff Development	87,785	12,958	100,743	55	-	55	100,798	110,536
Marketing / Recruitment	18,207	-	18,207	-	-	-	18,207	13,397
Technology	53,273	-	53,273	-	-	-	53,273	12,871
Food Service	27,558	-	27,558	42	-	42	27,600	21,706
Student Services	14,326	-	14,326	225	-	225	14,551	8,903
Office Expense	16,856	-	16,856	4,816	-	4,816	21,672	17,639
Depreciation and amortization	64,507	-	64,507	-	-	-	64,507	58,648
Other	5,216	-	5,216	128	207	335	5,551	3,359
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,141,226	\$ 426,261	\$ 4,567,487	\$ 509,072	\$ 50,008	\$ 559,080	\$ 5,126,567	\$ 3,689,979

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

	Program Services			Supporting Services			
	Regular Education	Special Education	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Supporting Services	Total
Salaries	\$ 1,626,107	\$ 54,170	\$ 1,680,277	\$ -	\$ 23,472	\$ 23,472	\$ 1,703,749
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	493,738	17,090	510,828	-	7,194	7,194	518,022
Management Company Fees - Contracted Services (Note 8)	317,016	-	317,016	347,823	-	347,823	664,839
Legal Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounting / Audit Services	5,000	-	5,000	20,000	-	20,000	25,000
Other Purchased / Professional / Consulting Services	320,798	164	320,962	1,839	-	1,839	322,801
Repairs & Maintenance	29,924	-	29,924	-	-	-	29,924
Insurance	16,658	-	16,658	-	-	-	16,658
Utilities	15,995	-	15,995	-	-	-	15,995
Supplies / Materials	114,377	-	114,377	55	2,272	2,327	116,704
Equipment / Furnishings	29,228	-	29,228	-	-	-	29,228
Staff Development	110,536	-	110,536	-	-	-	110,536
Marketing / Recruitment	13,397	-	13,397	-	-	-	13,397
Technology	12,871	-	12,871	-	-	-	12,871
Food Service	21,706	-	21,706	-	-	-	21,706
Student Services	8,903	-	8,903	-	-	-	8,903
Office Expense	17,607	-	17,607	32	-	32	17,639
Depreciation and amortization	58,648	-	58,648	-	-	-	58,648
Other	3,359	-	3,359	-	-	-	3,359
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,215,868	\$ 71,424	\$ 3,287,292	\$ 369,749	\$ 32,938	\$ 402,687	\$ 3,689,979

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ 68,966	\$ (53,555)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	64,507	58,648
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) or decrease in assets:		
Grants and contracts receivable	(22,659)	127,022
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(38,747)	(4,357)
Due from related party	-	85,965
(Decrease) increase in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	157,769	54,905
Accrued payroll and benefits	177,201	97,169
Due to related parties	267,326	72,539
Deferred revenue	<u>(8,546)</u>	<u>15,840</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>665,817</u>	<u>454,176</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,201)</u>
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>(100,201)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	665,817	353,975
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	<u>631,931</u>	<u>277,956</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ 1,297,748</u>	<u>\$ 631,931</u>

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

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Children's Aid College Prep Charter School (the "Charter School") is an educational corporation formed to operate a charter school located in the City of New York, County of the Bronx. On September 13, 2011, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, granted a provisional charter valid for a term of five years, incorporating the Charter School.

The Charter School's mission is to ensure that children achieve academic success by providing them with the best instructional practices, advancing their physical, emotional, and social needs, fostering a sense of pride and hope, and serving as a safe and engaging community hub. The Charter School serves over 270 kindergarten and first-grade to third-grade students and prioritizes students who are English language learners, at-risk of academic failure and/or currently involved in the child welfare system. The Charter School is 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 Presentation*** – The Charter School maintains its net assets under the following three classes;

Unrestricted – This represents net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and that have no time restrictions.

Temporarily Restricted – This represents net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met by actions of the Charter School or by the passage of time. Temporarily restricted net assets received and released during the same period are treated as unrestricted net assets.

Permanently Restricted – This represents net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions on the corpus of the gifts specifying they be maintained in perpetuity. There were no permanently restricted net assets as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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

Contributions of land, buildings and equipment without donor stipulations concerning the use of such long-lived assets are reported as revenues of the unrestricted net asset class. Contributions of cash or other assets to be used to acquire land, buildings and equipment with such donor stipulations are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class; the restrictions are considered to be released at the time of the acquisition of such long-lived assets. During the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Charter School received contributed supplies of \$17,222 and \$14,553, respectively.

- D. ***Government Support*** – Revenue from state and local governments resulting from the Charter School's 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 Charter School when qualifying expenditures are incurred and billable.

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. **Grants and Contracts Receivable** – Grants and contracts receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Charter School determined that no allowance for doubtful accounts was necessary as of June 30, 2015 and 2014. 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.

F. **Property and Equipment** - The Charter School follows the practice of capitalizing expenditures for buildings and building improvements, furniture and equipment having a cost of \$5,000 or more and useful life of over a year. Depreciation is recognized using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Amortization of leasehold improvements is charged at the lesser of the life of the improvements or the term of the lease.

The range of estimated useful lives follows:

Furniture and Equipment	5 -10 years
Leasehold improvements	Life of lease

G. **Measure of Operations** - The Charter School includes in its definition of operations all revenues and expenses that are an integral part of its programs and supporting activities, except for contributions.

H. **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 - GRANTS AND CONTRACTS RECEIVABLE

Grants and contract receivable consist of the following as of June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Due from the City of New York	\$ 57,019	\$ -
Due from the State of New York	200,000	223,029
Due from Federal Sources	<u>68,874</u>	<u>80,205</u>
	<u>\$ 325,893</u>	<u>\$ 303,234</u>

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consists of the following as of June 30, 2015 and 2014:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Furniture and equipment	\$ 254,262	\$ 254,262
Leasehold improvements	<u>57,569</u>	<u>57,569</u>
	311,831	311,831
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(162,187)</u>	<u>(97,680)</u>
	<u>\$ 149,644</u>	<u>\$ 214,151</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 amounted to \$64,507 and \$58,648, respectively.

CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

NOTE 5 - SCHOOL FACILITY

As part of the New York City Chancellor's Charter School Initiative, New York City Department of Education has committed space to the Charter School at no charge. The facilities and services provided by the New York City Department of Education to the Charter School are outlined in a Shared Facility Use Agreement. The agreement is for three years or until termination of the Charter School's charter.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

- A. The Charter School has no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2015 and 2014 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. The period ended June 2013 was the first period of operations and the income tax return filed for that and subsequent periods are subject to examination by tax authorities.
- 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 Charter School. 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 7 - CONCENTRATIONS

- A. The Charter School receives a majority of its revenues from the New York State Education Department through the New York City Department of Education Office of Charter Schools. The New York City Department of Education provides general operating support to the Charter School based upon the location and the number of students enrolled. For the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, operating support provided to the Charter School by the New York City Department of Education totaled \$4,427,982 and \$3,045,825. The Charter School is dependent upon this level of funding in order to continue its operations.
- B. Cash accounts that potentially subject the Charter School 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, 2015 and 2014, there was approximately \$1,066,000 and \$389,000, respectively, of cash and cash equivalents held by a bank that exceeded FDIC limits.

NOTE 8 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Charter School and The Children's Aid Society ("CAS"), a not-for-profit organization, are related through certain Board commonality. CAS provides administrative support services and other enrichment programs and services to the students of Charter School ("wrap-around services") to the Charter School under an agreement between the two entities. The Charter School pays an administrative fee equal to 10.6% of total operating expenses, excluding rent and depreciation to CAS for the administrative services, which amounted to \$485,152 and \$347,823 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. In addition, the Charter School was charged a fee for wrap-around and other services totaling to \$447,474 and \$317,016 for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Children's Aid routinely receives contributions from private donors that are earmarked for the Charter School. These contributions are recorded as contribution income passed through by Children's Aid to the Charter School. The Charter School received \$272,750 and \$251,750 of contributions passed through by Children's Aid for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Charter School owed \$339,865 and \$72,539 to CAS as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

**CHILDREN'S AID COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014**

NOTE 9 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated, for potential accrual or disclosure, events subsequent to the date of the statements of financial position through October 30, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**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
Children's Aid College Prep Charter School

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Children's Aid College Prep Charter School (the "Charter School") which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency* in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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 Charter School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Marko Paneth LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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October 30, 2015

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October 15, 2015

The Board of Trustees
of Children's Aid College Prep Charter School

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Children's Aid College Prep Charter School (the "Charter School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing auditing 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 Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit, and as of the date of this letter, 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.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and management of the Charter School, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties, unless permission is granted.

Sincerely,

Marks Paneth LLP

MARKS PANETH LLP