

**Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School**

Audited Financial Statements

In Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

June 30, 2025

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees  
Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2025, the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2025, 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.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS") and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States ("*Government Auditing Standards*"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited the School's 2024 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated October 25, 2024. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

#### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2025 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Sax LLP*

New York, NY  
October 30, 2025

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Statement of Financial Position

At June 30, 2025  
(With comparative totals at June 30, 2024)

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,081,973	\$ 3,429,893
Government grants receivable	234,301	909,403
Prepaid expenses and other assets	217,900	169,185
Property and equipment, net	1,434,440	987,487
Security deposit	1,792,463	1,792,463
Operating lease right-of-use assets	27,265,365	29,603,989
Restricted cash	75,172	75,157
	<b>\$ 35,101,614</b>	<b>\$ 36,967,577</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 777,551	\$ 750,108
Government advance - per pupil funding	2,077	32,484
Government grant advances	-	1,027
Conditional contributions	134,400	-
Operating lease liabilities	29,569,917	31,534,871
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>30,483,945</b>	<b>32,318,490</b>
<b>Net assets:</b>		
Without donor restrictions	4,171,094	4,649,087
With donor restrictions	446,575	-
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>4,617,669</b>	<b>4,649,087</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 35,101,614</b>	<b>\$ 36,967,577</b>

*The attached notes and auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.*

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Statement of Activities

For The Year Ended June 30, 2025  
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2024)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 6/30/25	Total 6/30/24
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>				
Public school district revenue:				
Revenue - resident student enrollment	\$ 10,635,597	\$ -	\$ 10,635,597	\$ 8,238,786
Revenue - students with disabilities	1,373,807	-	1,373,807	1,147,946
Total public school district revenue	12,009,404	-	12,009,404	9,386,732
Government grants - other	3,630,074	-	3,630,074	3,540,933
Contributions	623,149	500,000	1,123,149	2,029,417
Other revenue	183,693	-	183,693	146,783
Net assets released from donor restrictions	53,425	(53,425)	-	-
<b>Total public support and revenue</b>	<b>16,499,745</b>	<b>446,575</b>	<b>16,946,320</b>	<b>15,103,865</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program services:				
Regular education	10,179,463	-	10,179,463	8,495,270
Special education	2,604,617	-	2,604,617	3,311,423
Total program services	12,784,080	-	12,784,080	11,806,693
Supporting services:				
Management and general	4,070,284		4,070,284	3,048,692
Fundraising	123,374	-	123,374	104,912
Total supporting services	4,193,658	-	4,193,658	3,153,604
Total expenses	16,977,738	-	16,977,738	14,960,297
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>(477,993)</b>	<b>446,575</b>	<b>(31,418)</b>	<b>143,568</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, beginning of year</b>	4,649,087	-	4,649,087	4,505,519
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 4,171,094</b>	<b>\$ 446,575</b>	<b>\$ 4,617,669</b>	<b>\$ 4,649,087</b>

The attached notes and auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Statement of Functional Expenses

For The Year Ended June 30, 2025  
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2024)

	Program Services			Supporting Services			Total Expenses 6/30/2025	Total Expenses 6/30/2024
	Regular Education	Special Education	Total Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Support Services		
Salaries	\$ 5,800,625	\$ 1,080,610	\$ 6,881,235	\$ 1,425,763	\$ 59,076	\$ 1,484,839	\$ 8,366,074	\$ 6,827,018
Payroll taxes and benefits	1,046,063	197,025	1,243,088	257,924	14,826	272,750	1,515,838	1,189,377
Total personnel costs	6,846,688	1,277,635	8,124,323	1,683,687	73,902	1,757,589	9,881,912	8,016,395
Curriculum and classroom expenses	423,782	99,407	523,189	-	-	-	523,189	479,758
Student food	221,691	52,002	273,693	-	-	-	273,693	222,398
Professional fees	58,073	13,386	71,459	909,750	3,485	913,235	984,694	893,325
Office expenses	220,786	41,596	262,382	237,080	5,045	242,125	504,507	465,058
Equipment	114,013	28,087	142,100	1,331	-	1,331	143,431	126,578
Facilities expense	1,853,846	938,227	2,792,073	833,778	36,625	870,403	3,662,476	3,917,539
Recruitment	-	-	-	199,554	-	199,554	199,554	182,831
Professional development	187,264	50,891	238,155	10,328	-	10,328	248,483	188,141
Insurance	78,121	14,718	92,839	19,247	1,132	20,379	113,218	97,928
Other expenses	14,001	7,086	21,087	103,030	-	103,030	124,117	30,983
Depreciation and amortization	161,198	81,582	242,780	72,499	3,185	75,684	318,464	339,363
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,179,463</b>	<b>\$ 2,604,617</b>	<b>\$ 12,784,080</b>	<b>\$ 4,070,284</b>	<b>\$ 123,374</b>	<b>\$ 4,193,658</b>	<b>\$ 16,977,738</b>	<b>\$ 14,960,297</b>

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# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Statement of Cash Flows

For The Year Ended June 30, 2025  
(With comparative totals for the year ended June 30, 2024)

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ (31,418)	\$ 143,568
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	318,464	339,363
Change in operating lease right-of-use assets and liabilities	373,670	1,037,962
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Government grants receivable - per pupil funding	-	4,465
Government grants receivable	675,102	(377,678)
Contributions receivable	-	325,000
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(48,715)	(137,226)
Security deposit	-	(829,833)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,443	(6,081)
Government advance - per pupil funding	(30,407)	32,484
Government grant advances	(1,027)	-
Conditional contributions	134,400	-
Total adjustments	1,448,930	388,456
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	1,417,512	532,024
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(765,417)	(560,759)
Net cash flows used for investing activities	(765,417)	(560,759)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash</b>	<b>652,095</b>	<b>(28,735)</b>
<b>Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, <i>beginning of year</i></b>	<b>3,505,050</b>	<b>3,533,785</b>
<b>Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, <i>end of year</i></b>	<b>\$ 4,157,145</b>	<b>\$ 3,505,050</b>
<b>CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH</b>		
Reconciliation to statement of financial position:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,081,973	\$ 3,429,893
Restricted cash	75,172	75,157
Total cash, cash equivalent and restricted cash	<b>\$ 4,157,145</b>	<b>\$ 3,505,050</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ -	\$ -
Cash paid during the year for taxes	\$ -	\$ -

The attached notes and auditor's report are an integral part of these financial statements.

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 1 - Organization

Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School (the "School") located in Queens, New York, is a not-for-profit education corporation chartered by The State University of New York Charter Schools Institute. Through rigorous academics, quality instruction, and a positive culture of individual and collective responsibility, the School equips all students in grades 5 through 10 to excel in college preparatory high schools and use their leadership and voice to change the world. The School completed the 2024-2025 fiscal year with an average enrollment of approximately 558 students. The School is a publicly funded, privately managed school, which is independent of the New York City Department of Education ("NYCDOE"). In March 2022, the School's charter was renewed for an additional 5-year term, up to and including June 30, 2027. The charter renewal authorized the School to expand into a high school.

The School has the following programs:

- Regular Education - builds the foundation of knowledge, skills, and competencies for a substantive undergraduate academic experience, a successful career, and a productive lifetime.
- Special Education - Instruction that is specially designed to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities.

The School's main source of revenue is public school district revenue and government grants.

The School has been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that it is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been reflected in the accompanying financial statements. They have not been designated as a private foundation.

The School is affiliated with Friends of Forte ("Friends") through the use of shared members of their respective Board of Directors. Friends has been established to support the School and function as the fundraising arm of the School. Friends has been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that it is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Friends does not meet the criteria for consolidation. During the year ended June 30, 2025, Friends was in a sublease agreement with the School as described in Note 5. There were no other related party transactions with Friends during the years ended June 30, 2025 or 2024.

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### *a. Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### *b. Basis of Presentation*

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 958 - *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Entities*. FASB ASC 958 requires the Organization to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following specific classes of net assets:

- *Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions* - represents all activity without donor-imposed restrictions.
- *Net Assets With Donor Restrictions* - represents those resources, the uses of which have been restricted by donors for a specific purpose or the passage of time. The release from restrictions results from the satisfaction of the restricted purposes specified by the donor. Donor restricted contributions, the requirements of which are met in the year of donation, are reported as net assets without donor restrictions. See Note 7.

#### *c. Revenue Recognition*

The School follows FASB ASC 958-605 for recording contributions, which are recognized at the time they become unconditional in nature. Contributions are recorded in the net asset classes referred to above depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restriction. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions. If donor restricted contributions are satisfied in the same period they were received, they are classified as without donor restrictions.

Contributions may be subject to conditions which are defined as both a barrier to entitlement and a right of return of payments or release from obligations and are recognized as income once the conditions have been substantially met. Payments received in advance of conditions being met are recorded as conditional contributions on the statement of financial position. Conditional pledges that have not been recognized amount to \$950,000 and \$410,000 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

The School's public school district revenue and other government grants are primarily conditional, non-exchange transactions and fall under FASB ASC 958-605. Revenue from these transactions is recognized when performance related outcomes are achieved and other conditions under the agreements are met. Payments received in advance of conditions being met are recorded as grant advances.

Contributions and grants that are due within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Long-term pledges are recorded at fair value, using risk-adjusted present value techniques. At year end, all grant receivables are due within one year. Pledges are reviewed for collectability. Based on knowledge of specific donors and funders and factoring in historical experience, no allowance for doubtful accounts exists as of June 30, 2025 and 2024.

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## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### *d. Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Checking and money market accounts with local banks and highly liquid financial instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash and cash equivalents for purposes of the accompanying statement of cash flows.

#### *e. Restricted Cash*

An escrow account has been established to meet the requirement of The State University of New York Charter Schools Institute. The purpose of this account is to ensure sufficient funds are available for an orderly dissolution or transition process in the event of termination of the charter or school closure.

#### *f. Concentration of Credit Risk*

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the School to a concentration of credit risk, consist of cash accounts, which have been placed with financial institutions that management deems to be creditworthy. At year end and at various times throughout the year, balances were in excess of insured amounts. However, the School has not experienced any losses due to bank failure.

#### *g. Property and Equipment*

Computer hardware, furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements are capitalized at cost or at the fair value at the date of gift, if donated. The School capitalizes property and equipment in excess of \$5,000 that have a useful life of more than one year. Depreciation and amortization were computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the respective assets as follows:

- Computers and equipment - 3 years
- Furniture and fixtures - 5 years
- Leasehold improvements - Life of lease

#### *h. Leases*

The School determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. Leases are included in ROU assets and lease liabilities in the statement of financial position. ROU assets and lease liabilities reflect the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term, and ROU assets also include prepaid or accrued rent. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The School does not report ROU assets and lease liabilities for its short-term leases (leases with a term of 12 months or less). Instead, the lease payments of those leases are reported as lease expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the School will exercise that option.

#### *i. Advertising*

The cost of advertising is expensed as incurred.

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

#### *j. Donated Services*

Donated services are recognized in circumstances where those services create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased, if not provided in-kind. The school did not receive any donated goods or services during the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024.

Board members and other individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of services that assist the School. These services do not meet the criteria outlined above and have not been recorded in the financial statements.

#### *k. Functional Allocation of Expenses*

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying financial statements. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis.

Salaries were allocated using time and effort as the basis. The following costs were allocated using salary allocation as the basis:

- Payroll taxes and benefits
- Office expenses
- Insurance

Certain program expenses have been allocated between Regular Education and Special Education based on student FTE rates. Depreciation and facilities expenses are allocated according to usage by square foot. All other expenses have been charged directly to the applicable program or supporting services.

#### *l. Management Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### *m. Contingencies*

Government contracts are subject to audit by the grantor. Management does not believe that any audits, if they were to occur, would result in material disallowed costs, and has not established any reserves. Any disallowed costs would be recorded in the period notified.

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Continued

*n. Accounting for Uncertainty of Income Taxes*

The School does not believe its financial statements include any material, uncertain tax positions. Tax filings for periods ending June 30, 2022 and later are subject to examination by applicable taxing authorities.

*o. Comparative Financial Information*

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024 from which the summarized information was derived.

### Note 3 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
Furniture and equipment	\$ 1,964,663	\$ 1,774,260
Leasehold improvements	292,557	224,297
Construction in progress	406,779	148,301
Total	2,663,999	2,146,858
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(1,229,559)	(1,159,371)
Total property and equipment, net	\$ 1,434,440	\$ 987,487

### Note 4 - Government Grants Receivable/Advance - Per Pupil Funding

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
Beginning grant (advance)/receivable	\$ (32,484)	\$ 4,465
Per pupil funding:		
Funding based on allowable FTE's	12,009,404	9,386,732
Advances received	(11,978,997)	(9,423,681)
Ending advance	\$ (2,077)	\$ (32,484)

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### **Note 5 - Operating Lease Right-of-Use Assets and Operating Lease Liabilities**

The School evaluated current contracts to determine which met the criteria of a lease. The ROU assets represent the School's right to use underlying assets for the lease term, and the lease liabilities represent the School's obligation to make lease payments arising from these leases. The ROU assets and lease liabilities, all of which arise from operating leases, were calculated based on the present value of future lease payments over the lease terms. The School has made an accounting policy election to use a risk-free rate in lieu of its incremental borrowing rate to discount future lease payments. The weighted-average discount rate applied to calculate lease liabilities and the weighted average lease term as of June 30, 2025 was 3.42% and 13.93 years. The weighted-average discount rate applied to calculate lease liabilities and the weighted average lease term as of June 30, 2024 was 3.43% and 14.58 years.

The School occupies space in Queens under a lease agreement that expires on June 30, 2030. The lease contains two five-year extension options, which are expected to be exercised, bringing the expiration to June 30, 2040.

On April 27, 2023, the School entered into a lease agreement for additional space for the new high school program which commenced on July 1, 2023. The lease expires on June 30, 2025 and has two one-year extension options which are expected to be exercised.

On July 25, 2023, the School entered into a lease agreement for additional office space during the construction phase of the future permanent campus which commenced on August 1, 2023. The lease expires on July 31, 2025, and has one two-year extension option which is expected to be exercised and has been included in the lease right-of-use assets and liabilities.

For the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, total operating lease cost was \$3,383,182 and \$3,368,769, respectively. There were no short-term lease costs during the years ended June, 30, 2025 or 2024.

Cash paid for operating leases for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024 was \$3,011,092 and \$2,337,605, respectively. There were no noncash investing and financing transactions related to leasing.

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 5 - Operating Lease Right-of-Use Assets and Operating Lease Liabilities - Continued

The aggregate future minimum lease payments under these operating leases as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	<u>Main Campus</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Office Space</u>	<u>Total</u>
For the years ending June 30,				
2026	\$ 1,768,102	\$ 1,230,000	\$ 96,949	\$ 3,095,051
2027	1,819,240	1,291,500	100,012	3,210,752
2028	1,872,129	-	8,355	1,880,484
2029	1,926,454	-	-	1,926,454
2030	1,982,540	-	-	1,982,540
2031 and thereafter	<u>25,730,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,730,227</u>
Total lease obligation	35,098,692	2,521,500	205,316	37,825,508
Less: present value discount	<u>(8,146,142)</u>	<u>(99,604)</u>	<u>(9,845)</u>	<u>(8,255,591)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 26,952,550</u>	<u>\$ 2,421,896</u>	<u>\$ 195,471</u>	<u>\$ 29,569,917</u>

### Note 6 - High School Expansion and Construction in Progress

The School is in the process of expanding its facilities to establish a permanent high school campus in Queens, New York. The expansion project is being constructed on land leased by Friends of Forte ("Friends"), a related party as described in Note 1, under a master lease with the property's owner. The School has a sublease with Friends, dated May 30, 2024, and is recording costs related to the construction as construction in progress within property and equipment in the accompanying statement of financial position.

The sublease with Friends referred to above will be used for the permanent high school campus in Queens, New York. This sublease carries a term which is one day prior to the overarching lease which is 45 years after the delivery date that is based on the completion of the construction. The earliest and latest anticipated date of delivery is July 1, 2026 and July 31, 2027, respectively.

Below is the future minimum lease payments related to the sublease with Friends based on the earliest expected delivery date.

For the years ending June 30,	
2026	\$ -
2027	3,360,000
2028	3,452,400
2029	3,547,341
2030	3,644,893
2031 and thereafter	<u>277,993,392</u>
Total	<u>\$ 291,998,026</u>

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 7 - Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

A summary of net assets with donor restrictions is as follows:

	June 30, 2025			
	Beginning Balance 7/1/24	Restricted Contributions	Released from Restrictions	Ending Balance 6/30/25
Academic Performance Growth Plan	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ (53,425)	\$ 446,575
	June 30, 2024			
	Beginning Balance 7/1/23	Restricted Contributions	Released from Restrictions	Ending Balance 6/30/24
High School Expansion	\$ 23,287	\$ -	\$ (23,287)	\$ -
Afterschool program	100,000	-	(100,000)	-
Total	\$ 123,287	\$ -	\$ (123,287)	\$ -

### Note 8 - Significant Concentrations

The School is dependent upon grants from the NYCDOE to carry out its operations. Approximately 89% and 81% of the School's total public support and revenue was from the NYCDOE for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. If the NYCDOE were to discontinue funding, it would have a severe economic impact on the School's ability to operate.

### Note 9 - Retirement Plan

The School has a retirement plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. All employees are immediately eligible to participate and may elect to defer a portion of their salary, up to statutory amounts, to be contributed to this plan. Full time employees receive an employer base contribution equal to 100% of the salary deferral contributions made by the employee for the calendar year, not to exceed 3% of the employee's salary.

The School contributed \$88,441 and \$6,940 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The following vesting periods apply:

Period	Vesting Percentage
Less than 2 years	0%
Three or more	100%

# Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

### Note 10 - Availability and Liquidity

Financial assets are available within one year of the date of the statement of financial position for general expenditures as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,081,973	
Government grants receivable - other	<u>234,301</u>	
Total financial assets		4,316,274
Less amounts not available for general expenditure:		
Net assets with donor restrictions		<u>(446,575)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year		<u>\$ 3,869,699</u>

As part of its liquidity management, the School operates its programs within a board approved budget and relies on grants and contributions to fund its operations and program activities. The School is partially supported by restricted contributions. Since a donor's restrictions requires resources to be used in a particular manner or in a future period, the School must maintain sufficient resources to meet its responsibilities to fulfill donor's restrictions; therefore, financial assets may not be available for general expenditure within one year.

### Note 11 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 30, 2025 the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material events that have occurred that require adjustment to or disclosure to the financial statements.



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**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

**Independent Auditor's Report**

Board of Trustees  
Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2025, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2025

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Sax LLP*

New York, NY  
October 30, 2025

# **Forte Preparatory Academy Charter School**

## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

June 30, 2025

Current Year:

None

Prior Year:

None - There were no findings in the prior year.