Financial Statements

June 30, 2021 and 2020



Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees International Charter School of New York

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Charter School of New York (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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 auditors' 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.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2021, 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 29, 2021, 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.

Prior Year Financial Statements

PKF O'Connor Davies LLP

The financial statements of the School as of June 30, 2020 were audited by other auditors whose report dated October 16, 2020, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Harrison, New York October 29, 2021

Statements of Financial Position

	June 30,	
	2021	2020
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 4,060,931	\$ 2,715,117
Grants and contracts receivable	72,728	143,192
Due from related party	-	111,311
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>254,233</u>	51,895
Total Current Assets	4,387,892	3,021,515
Property and equipment, net	151,054	399,010
Security deposits	182,195	674,695
Restricted cash	75,000	75,000
	\$ 4,796,141	\$ 4,170,220
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 67,193	\$ 59,441
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	379,311	397,166
Refundable advances	14,043	5,652
Deferred rent	998	95,031
Total Current Liabilities	461,545	557,290
Paycheck Protection Program Loan payable	<u>-</u> _	855,827
Total Liabilities	461,545	1,413,117
Net assets, without donor restrictions	4,334,596	2,757,103
	<u>\$ 4,796,141</u>	\$ 4,170,220

Statements of Activities

	Year Ended June 30,	
	2021	2020
OPERATING REVENUE		
State and local per pupil operating revenue		
General and special education	\$ 7,457,050	\$ 7,533,592
Facilities	2,010,206	2,019,702
Federal grants	168,349	130,863
State grants	35,086	38,761
Total Operating Revenue	9,670,691	9,722,918
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
Regular education	5,858,461	5,084,193
Special education	2,007,201	2,607,687
Total Program Services	7,865,662	7,691,880
Supporting Services		
Management and general	1,370,708	1,436,170
Fundraising	79,153	63,872
Total Expenses	9,315,523	9,191,922
Surplus from Operations	355,168	530,996
SUPPORT AND OTHER INCOME (LOSS)		
Contributions and other income	365,985	112,393
Interest income	513	16,103
Gain on forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program Loan	855,827	-
(Loss) on cancellation of construction in progress		(109,086)
Total Support and Other Income	1,222,325	19,410
Change in Net Assets	1,577,493	550,406
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	2,757,103	2,206,697
End of year	\$ 4,334,596	\$ 2,757,103

Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2021

Program Services No. of Regular Special Management and General **Positions** Education Education Total Fundraising Total Personnel Services Costs Administrative staff personnel 15 \$ 612,197 \$ 162,047 \$ 774,244 586,836 38,572 1,399,652 Instructional personnel 45 2,021,172 790,804 2,811,976 2,811,976 5,892 Non-instructional personnel 4 11,782 5,891 17,673 23,565 Total Salaries and Staff 64 3,603,893 38,572 4,235,193 2,645,151 958,742 592,728 Payroll taxes and employee benefits 970.125 351,625 1,321,750 217,387 14,146 1,553,283 Legal services 48.702 48,702 75,721 Accounting and audit services 75,721 Other purchased, professional and consulting services 285.318 13.414 298.732 29.950 328.682 1,429,583 1,947,739 320.343 Building lease and rent 518,156 20.846 2,288,928 Repairs and maintenance 11.963 4.336 16.299 2.681 174 19.154 479 Insurance 32.870 11,914 44.784 7.365 52,628 Supplies and materials 145.262 381 25 130.410 14.852 145.668 Equipment and furnishings 19,327 7.005 26,332 4,332 282 30,946 Staff development 18.896 14.273 33,169 1.664 108 34,941 Marketing and recruitment 3,267 544 3,811 163 11 3,985 Technology 81,184 29,425 110,609 18,192 1,184 129,985 Student services 2,310 255 2,565 2,565 Office expense 41,850 15,169 57,019 9,378 610 67,007 Depreciation and amortization 173,759 62,979 236,738 38,934 2,534 278,206 Other 12,448 4,512 16,960 2,787 182 19,929 **Total Expenses** \$ 5,858,461 \$ 2,007,201 \$ 7,865,662 \$ 1,370,708 79,153 \$ 9,315,523

Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2020

Program Services Regular Special Management No. of **Positions** Education Education Total and General Fundraising Total Personnel Services Costs Administrative staff personnel 14 \$ 417,042 \$ 169,634 \$ 586,676 \$ 593,557 30,000 \$ 1,210,233 44 1,719,903 997,229 Instructional personnel 2,717,132 2,717,132 3 10,162 Non-instructional personnel 20,324 10,162 30,486 40,648 61 3,968,013 Total Salaries and Staff 2,157,269 1,177,025 3,334,294 603,719 30,000 Payroll taxes and employee benefits 551,443 300.872 852,315 154,323 7.669 1,014,307 Legal services 32,365 32,365 Accounting and audit services 25,106 25,106 Other purchased, professional and consulting services 185,753 39,466 225,219 93,351 318,570 Building lease and rent 1,399,236 763,435 2,162,671 391,581 2,573,710 19,458 Repairs and maintenance 25.776 14.064 39.840 7.214 358 47.412 Insurance 20,957 11,435 32,392 5,865 291 38,548 Supplies and materials 158,057 31,318 189,375 212 11 189,598 Equipment and furnishings 25,302 13,805 39,107 7.081 352 46,540 Staff development 30,781 13,868 44,649 2,756 137 47,542 Marketing and recruitment 35,994 13,826 49,820 5,627 280 55,727 Technology 49.034 26,753 75,787 13,722 682 90,191 Student services 111,392 20,022 131,414 131,414 Office expense 34,268 18,697 52,965 9,590 477 63,032 Depreciation and amortization 297,795 162,479 460,274 83,339 4,141 547,754 Other 1,136 622 319 2,093 1,758 16 \$1,436,170 \$9,191,922 **Total Expenses** \$5,084,193 \$ 2,607,687 \$7,691,880 63,872

Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended June 30,		
	2021		2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Change in net assets	\$ 1,577,493	\$	550,406
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets			
to net cash from operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization	278,206		547,754
Deferred rent	(94,033)		95,031
(Gain) on forgiveness on Paycheck Protection Program Loan	(855,827)		-
Loss on cancellation of construction in progress	-		109,086
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Grants and contracts receivable	70,464		(101,313)
Due from related party	111,311		(111,311)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(202,338)		(13,291)
Security deposits	492,500		7,500
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,752		(318,694)
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	(17,855)		76,798
Refundable advances	8,391		3,628
Net Cash from Operating Activities	 1,376,064		845,594
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY			
Purchases of property and equipment	 (30,250)		(358,525)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITY			
Proceeds from Paycheck Protection Program Loan	 <u>-</u>	_	855,827
Net Change in Cash and Restricted Cash	1,345,814		1,342,896
CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH			
Beginning of year	 2,790,117		1,447,221
End of year	\$ 4,135,931	\$	2,790,117

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020

1. Organization and Tax Status

International Charter School of New York (the "School") is a New York State, not-for-profit educational corporation that was incorporated to operate a charter school pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law of the State of New York. The School was granted a provisional charter on October 16, 2014 valid for a term of five years and renewable upon expiration by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York (the "Board of Regents"). The Board of Regents renewed the School's charter for an additional term expiring on July 30, 2023. The School is an elementary school located in Brooklyn, New York and provided education to approximately 415 students in grades kindergarten through fifth during the 2020-2021 academic year.

The New York City Department of Education provides free lunches and transportation directly to some of the School's students. Such costs are not included in these financial statements.

Except for taxes that may be due for unrelated business income, the School is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from state and local income taxes under comparable laws.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Asset Presentation

Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into net asset categories established according to nature and purpose as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions - consist of resources available for the general support of the School's operations. Net assets without donor restrictions may be used at the discretion of the School's management and/or the Board of Trustees.

Net assets with donor restrictions – represents amounts restricted by donors for specific activities of the School or to be used at a future date. The School records contributions as net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit their use either through purpose or time restrictions. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is fulfilled, net assets with donor restrictions are classified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. The School had no net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Restricted Cash

Under the provisions of its Charter, the School established an escrow account to pay for legal and audit expenses that would be associated with a dissolution, should it occur.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash and restricted cash reported within the statements of financial position to the amounts presented in the statements of cash flows as of the year ended June 30:

	2021	2020
Cash	\$ 4,060,931	\$ 2,715,117
Restricted cash	75,000	75,000
	\$ 4,135,931	\$ 2,790,117

Property and Equipment

The School follows the practice of capitalizing all expenditures for property and equipment with costs in excess of \$2,000 and a useful life in excess of one year. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the term of the lease, inclusive of all renewal periods, which are reasonably assured, or the estimated useful life of the asset. Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition. Minor costs of maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. All property and equipment purchased with government funding is capitalized, unless the government agency retains legal title to such assets, in which case it is expensed as incurred.

Depreciation and amortization is recognized on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of such assets as follows:

Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	5 years
Computers	3 years
Software	3 years

Property and equipment are reviewed for impairment if the use of the asset significantly changes or another indicator of possible impairment is identified. If the carrying amount for the asset is not recoverable, the asset is written down to its fair value. There were no asset impairments for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Refundable Advances

The School records certain government operating revenue as refundable advances until related services are performed, at which time they are recognized as revenue.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Deferred Rent

The School records its rent in accordance with U.S. GAAP whereby all rental payments, including fixed rent increases, are recognized on a straight-line basis. The difference between the straight-line rent expense and the required lease payments, as well as any unamortized lease incentives, is reflected in deferred rent in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Revenue and Support

Revenue from the state and local governments resulting from the School's charter status, and based on the number of students enrolled, is recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement. Federal and other state and local funds are recorded when expenditures are incurred and billable to the government agency.

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the School that is, in substance, unconditional. Grants and other contributions of cash are reported as net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations. Restricted contributions and grants that are made to support the School's current year activities are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Marketing and Recruitment

Marketing and recruitment costs are expensed as incurred for staff and student recruitment. Marketing and recruitment expense for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$3,985 and \$55,727.

Measure of Operations

The statements of activities reports all changes in net assets, including changes in net assets from operating and non-operating activities. Operating activities consist of those items attributable to the School's ongoing services. Non-operating activities include revenue and support from non-governmental and other sources that include contributions revenue, gain on forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program loan, return on investments and other activities considered to be a more non-recurring nature.

Functional Expense Allocation

The majority of expenses can generally be directly identified with the program or supporting service to which they relate and are charged accordingly. Other expenses by function have been allocated among program and supporting services classifications on the basis of periodic time and expense studies and other basis as determined by management of the School to be appropriate.

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Reclassifications

Certain 2020 accounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2021 financial statement presentation.

Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

The School recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not to be sustained. Management has determined that the School had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition or disclosure. The School is no longer subject to examinations by the applicable taxing jurisdictions for years prior to June 30, 2018.

Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, which date is October 29, 2021.

3. Grants and Contracts Receivable

Grants and contracts receivable consist of federal, state, city entitlements and grants. The School expects to collect these receivables within one year and no allowance for doubtful accounts has been provided.

4. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following at June 30:

	2021	2020
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	348,667	346,102
Computers	92,682	73,418
Software	5,500	3,000
Leasehold improvements	818,993	813,072
	1,265,842	1,235,592
Accumulated depreciation		
and amortization	(1,114,788)	(836,582)
	\$ 151,054	\$ 399,010

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2021 and 2020

5. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use within one year of the statement of financial position date, are comprised of the following at June 30:

	2021	2020
Cash	\$ 4,060,931	\$ 2,715,117
Grants and contracts receivable	72,728	143,192
Due from related party	-	111,311
	\$ 4,133,659	\$ 2,969,620

As part of the School's liquidity management plan, the status of grants and contracts receivable is monitored regularly and any excess cash is invested in highly liquid debt instrument until it is required for operational use. The School will continue to rely on funding received from the New York City Department of Education to cover its future operating costs (See Note 9).

6. Related Party Transaction (not disclosed elsewhere)

Friends of International Charter School of New York ("Friends of ICSNY) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to charter schools and other forms of alternative education including, but not limited to the International Charter School of New York. The School has entered into a sublease agreements with Friends of ICSNY (see note 10).

At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the outstanding balance due from Friends of ICSNY was \$0 and \$111,311.

7. Construction in Progress

On December 27, 2018, Friends of ICSNY entered into a 30-year lease agreement with 30 Clinton LLC c/o Barone Management (the Landlord"). The anticipated occupancy date was scheduled to be on July 1, 2021.

Friends of ICSNY hired an architect to advise the School's management on the Landlord's proposed plans, in such detail as the Landlord required for the development of construction plans for the Landlord's work. Friends of ICSNY retained the School's existing law firm to represent them in the lease negotiations.

At June 30, 2019, construction in progress was \$94,433 and consisted of architectural and legal services for the construction of assets that have not been completed or placed in service as of the end of the year. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the School incurred additional costs of \$14,653 related to the construction in progress. The School cancelled the construction project and incurred a loss of \$109,086 during the year ended June 30, 2020.

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8. Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the School to concentrations of credit and market risk consist principally of cash and restricted cash on deposit with financial institutions, which from time to time may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") limit. The School does not believe that a significant risk of loss due to the failure of a financial institution presently exists. As of June 30, 2021 and 2020, approximately \$3,885,000 and \$2,540,000 of cash was maintained with an institution in excess of FDIC limits.

9. Concentration of Revenue and Support

The School receives a substantial portion of its revenue and support from the New York City Department of Education. For the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the School received approximately 87% and 97% of its total revenue and support from the New York City Department of Education. If the charter school laws were modified, reducing or eliminating these revenues, the School's finances could be materially adversely affected.

10. Commitments

In April 2015, the School entered into a sub-lease agreement with Brooklyn Friends School for permanent office and classroom space at 55 Willoughby Street. The lease was modified and extended through August 31, 2021.

In July 2018, the School entered into a sub-lease agreement with Friends of ICSNY for the premises at 522-528 Fulton Street through June 30, 2021.

Future minimum sub-lease payments for year ending June 30, 2022 is \$181,553. Rent expense under these leases for each of the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$2,288,928 and \$2,573,710.

11. Paycheck Protection Program Loan Payable

On April 7, 2020, the School received a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") in the amount of \$855,827. In accordance with the requirements under the CARES Act, the loan may be forgiven based on the associated spending in accordance with regulations under the CARES Act. For amounts under the loan that are not forgiven, these amounts are due two years from the date of the loan and interest would accrue on the unforgiven loan balance at 0.98% per year. The loan forgiveness will be recognized at the time that the financial institution that issued the loan has reviewed and approved the associated spending and determined the forgivable portion.

On March 30, 2021, the PPP loan was forgiven in full by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The loan forgiveness of \$855,827 is recorded as income on the accompanying statements of activities.

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12. Contingency

Certain grants and contracts may be subject to audit by the funding sources. Such audits might result in disallowances of costs submitted for reimbursement. Management is of the opinion that such cost 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.

13. Merger with Brooklyn Prospect Charter School

On June 24, 2020, the School entered into a transition agreement with Prospect Schools, Inc. ("Prospect") in which the School plans to consummate a merger with Brooklyn Prospect Charter School ("BPCS"). On October 23, 2020, the School, Prospect, and BPCS entered into an agreement and plan of merger effective July 1, 2021. Under the agreement the School merged into and within BPCS, where BPCS is the surviving entity and the School will cease to exist upon the effective date.



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 Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees International Charter School of New York

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 International Charter School of New York (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2021.

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 the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

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

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 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.

Harrison, New York October 29, 2021

PKF O'Connor Davies LLP



Board of Trustees International Charter School of New York

Auditors' Communication on Internal Control

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of International Charter School of New York (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified.

We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, the Board of Trustees, the Charter Schools Institute of the State University of New York, the State Education Department of the State University of New York, and others within the School, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Harrison, New York October 29, 2021

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP