MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL <u>NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA</u> <u>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u> <u>FOR THE YEARS ENDED</u> <u>JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Morris Jeff Community School New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Morris Jeff Community School (a nonprofit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Morris Jeff Community School as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Morris Jeff Community School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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 Morris Jeff Community School's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



To the Board of Directors of Morris Jeff Community School New Orleans, Louisiana

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 generally accepted auditing standards, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 Morris Jeff Community 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 Morris Jeff Community 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.



To the Board of Directors of Morris Jeff Community School New Orleans, Louisiana

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information contained in the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head (Schedule "1"), as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 A.(3), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 16, 2022 on our consideration of Morris Jeff Community 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 Morris Jeff Community 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 Morris Jeff Community School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

December 16, 2022 New Orleans, Louisiana

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Certified Public Accountants

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

		2022		2021
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,594,577	\$	5,060,381
Grant receivables		2,754,308		381,670
Prepaid expenses	. <u> </u>	40,232		58,786
Total current assets		5,389,117		5,500,837
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET			. <u> </u>	
OTHER ASSETS:				
Deposits		56,641		34,587
Total other assets		56,641		34,587
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	5,445,758	\$	5,535,424
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Accounts payable	\$	699,575	\$	586,898
Accrued expenses		752,633		488,505
Current portion of long-term debt				856,627
Total current liabilities		1,452,208		1,932,030
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Long-term debt, net of current portion				863,073
Total non-current liabilities				863,073
Total liabilities		1,452,208		2,795,103
NET ASSETS:				
Without donor restrictions		3,991,282		2,712,583
With donor restrictions		2,268		27,738
Total net assets		3,993,550		2,740,321
Total liabilites and net assets	\$	5,445,758	\$	5,535,424

See accompanying NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Without Donor	With Donor	
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
<u>REVENUE:</u>			
State/Local per pupil aid	\$ 15,495,875	\$ -	\$ 15,495,875
Federal grants	3,353,348	-	3,353,348
Private grants and contributions	202,950	-	202,950
Other state funds	353,274	-	353,274
Other income	333,894	-	333,894
Forgiveness of debt	1,719,700	-	1,719,700
Net assets released from restrictions	25,470	(25,470)	
Total revenue	21,484,511	(25,470)	21,459,041
EXPENSES:			
Program services:			
General instructional	9,792,312	-	9,792,312
General non-instructional	4,696,914	-	4,696,914
Special education	3,535,906	-	3,535,906
Special programs	551,163	-	551,163
Administration	1,629,517		1,629,517
Total expenses	20,205,812		20,205,812
Change in net assets	1,278,699	(25,470)	1,253,229
Net assets, beginning of year	2,712,583	27,738	2,740,321
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,991,282	\$ 2,268	\$ 3,993,550

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Without Donor		With Donor			
	Restrictions			Restrictions		Total
<u>REVENUE:</u>						
State/Local per pupil aid	\$	13,860,395	\$	-	\$	13,860,395
Federal grants		2,035,435		-		2,035,435
Private grants and contributions		90,694		51,500		142,194
Other state funds		292,136		-		292,136
Other income		209,443		-		209,443
Net assets released from restrictions		28,220		(28,220)		-
Total revenue		16,516,323		23,280		16,539,603
EXPENSES:						
Program services:						
General instructional		8,512,529		-		8,512,529
General non-instructional		3,077,776		-		3,077,776
Special education		2,932,844		-		2,932,844
Special programs		495,997		-		495,997
Administration		1,206,739		-		1,206,739
Total expenses		16,225,885		<u>-</u>		16,225,885
Change in net assets		290,438		23,280		313,718
Net assets, beginning of year		2,422,145		4,458		2,426,603
Net assets, end of year	\$	2,712,583	\$	27,738	\$	2,740,321

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Program Services										
	General		General			Special Special			General		
	Ir	structional	Non-I	nstructional		Education		Program	Ad	ministration	Total
Salaries	\$	5,846,480	\$	631,359	\$	1,939,631	\$	416,303	\$	522,542	\$ 9,356,315
Employee benefits		507,068		55,082		127,937		25,848		52,233	768,168
Retirement		1,397,682		146,908		599,971		102,423		111,786	2,358,770
Private grants and contributions		96,013		7,139		28,268		5,072		7,265	143,757
Purchased education services		665,784		125,418		539,950		-		7,958	1,339,110
Other purchased professional services		-		-		-		-		42,046	42,046
Purchased technical services		175,392		-		-		-		8,070	183,462
Utilities		-		308,618		-		-		-	308,618
Repairs and maintenance		-		1,243,329		-		-		-	1,243,329
Rentals		-		67,600		-		-		-	67,600
Student transportation		5,678		836,502		216,818		-		-	1,058,998
Insurance		-		418,880		-		-		-	418,880
Communciations		4,336		-		-		-		82,132	86,468
Advertising, printing, and binding		963		25		-		-		9,640	10,628
Tuition		900		-		-		-		-	900
Food service		-		647,554		-		-		-	647,554
Travel		17,780		10,009		601		-		2,663	31,053
Miscellaneous purchased services		107,853		-		2,116		-		18,566	128,535
Materials and supplies		943,218		113,358		80,614		1,517		148,618	1,287,325
Dues and fees		23,165		1,520		-		-		579,707	604,392
Miscellaneous				83,613		-		-		36,291	 119,904
Total expenses	\$	9,792,312	\$	4,696,914	\$	3,535,906	\$	551,163	\$	1,629,517	\$ 20,205,812

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Program Services										
	Ir	General astructional	Non	General -Instructional		Special Education		Special Program	Ad	General Iministration	 Total
Salaries	\$	5,348,552	\$	498,901	\$	1,805,686	\$	374,341	\$	483,746	\$ 8,511,226
Employee benefits		404,514		66,913		154,485		25,260		56,147	707,319
Retirement		1,360,920		155,441		420,906		90,234		103,564	2,131,065
Private grants and contributions		93,412		6,854		29,116		5,166		6,721	141,269
Purchased education services		356,728		53,835		286,850		-		1,390	698,803
Other purchased professional services		-		-		-		-		31,894	31,894
Purchased technical services		105,892		-		-		-		4,141	110,033
Utilities		-		219,542		-		-		-	219,542
Repairs and maintenance		-		851,455		-		-		-	851,455
Rentals		-		44,442		-		-		-	44,442
Student transportation		-		607,338		197,203		-		-	804,541
Insurance		-		276,942		-		-		-	276,942
Communciations		5,286		-		-		-		68,816	74,102
Advertising, printing, and binding		1,763		36		-		-		2,341	4,140
Tuition		1,751		-		-		-		-	1,751
Food service		-		182,193		-		-		-	182,193
Travel		407		9,559		205		-		-	10,171
Miscellaneous purchased services		49,084		-		5,000		-		3,865	57,949
Materials and supplies		770,032		72,655		33,393		996		154,909	1,031,985
Dues and fees		14,188		543		-		-		289,205	303,936
Miscellaneous		-		31,127		-				-	 31,127
Total expenses	\$	8,512,529	\$	3,077,776	\$	2,932,844	\$	495,997	\$	1,206,739	\$ 16,225,885

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	 2021	 2020
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,253,229	\$ 313,718
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash and cash equivalents		
from (used for) operating activities:		
Forgiveness of PPP loan	(1,719,700)	-
(Increase) decrease in:		
Grant receivables	(2,372,638)	62,701
Prepaid expenses	18,554	(15,401)
Deposits	(22,054)	-
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	112,677	103,599
Accrued expenses	 264,128	 4,936
Net cash from (used for) operating activities	 (2,465,804)	 469,553
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,465,804)	469,553
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	 5,060,381	 4,590,828
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 2,594,577	\$ 5,060,381

(1) <u>NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT</u> <u>ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

Nature of Activities

Morris Jeff Community School (the School) was created as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Louisiana (the State) on February 13, 2009. The School serves eligible elementary through high school students. On June 8, 2010, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved the charter of the School to operate a Type 5 charter school. The current charter was approved for a renewal term of an additional five years expiring on June 30, 2026 and converted the School to a Type 3B charter.

Basis of Accounting and Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB).

Basis of Presentation

The financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-210-50-3, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Under FASB ASC 958-210-50-3, the School is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

<u>Net assets without donor restrictions:</u> Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the School. The School's board may designate assets without restrictions for specific operational purposes from time to time.

<u>Net assets with donor restrictions:</u> Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the School or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

(1) <u>NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT</u> <u>ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the School considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Receivables

Grants and other receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. At June 30, 2022 and 2021, no allowance is recorded as management considers all receivables to be fully collectible.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. Donated property and equipment is recorded at fair value as of the date received. The School maintains a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. Improvements are capitalized; the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Machinery and equipment 5 years

Assets acquired with Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) funds are owned by the School while used in the purpose for which it was purchased. The LDOE however, has a reversionary interest in these assets. Should a charter not be renewed, title in any assets purchased with these funds will revert to the appropriate agency.

Compensated Absences

All ten-month employees accrue 11 days of accrued leave each year and can rollover up to five days into the next fiscal year. If these rolled over days are not used before the end of the next fiscal year, then the employees can be paid out on a maximum of five accrued leave days from the prior fiscal year. All twelve-month employees accrue 14 days of accrued leave and can roll over up to seven days that must be used before the end of the next fiscal year. There is no payment upon separation of employment of unused accrued leave for either class of employees. As of June 30, 2022 and 2021, the School had no obligations of accumulated unpaid leave.

(1) <u>NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT</u> <u>ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Revenue Recognition

Contributions are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, an unconditional promise to give, or notification of a beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. The School reports contributions of cash or other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor-imposed restrictions or requirements that limit the use of the donation. A donor restriction ends when a time restriction is met or a purpose restriction is accomplished. As restrictions are met, assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported as net assets released from restrictions in the statement of activities.

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Revenues from federal and state grants are recorded when the School has a right to reimbursement under the related grant, generally corresponding to the incurring of grant related costs by the School, or when otherwise earned under the terms of the grants.

Contributions of donated noncash assets are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

Functional Expenses

The cost of program and supporting services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. This requires the allocation of certain costs based on total program costs and estimates made by management. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program services and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis. Salaries and employee benefits have been allocated based on time and effort. Rent and depreciation have been allocated based on square footage. All other allocated expenses have been allocated based on actual expenses incurred.

(1) <u>NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT</u> <u>ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Income Tax Status

The School has received a tax-exempt ruling under section 501(c)(3) from the Internal Revenue Service and, accordingly, is not subject to income tax unless it has unrelated trade or business income. Accounting standards provide detailed guidance for financial statement recognition, measurement, and disclosure of uncertain tax positions recognized in an entity's financial statements. These standards require an entity to recognize the financial statement impact of a tax position when it is more likely than not that the position will not be sustained upon examination. As of June 30, 2022 and 2021, the School believes that it has no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Tax years ended June 30, 2019 and later remain subject to examination by the taxing authorities.

New Accounting Pronouncement

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the School adopted FASB ASU No. 2020-07, *"Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets."* This Update seeks to increase transparency of contributed nonfinancial assets for not-for-profit (NFP) entities through enhancements to presentation and disclosure. The adoption of this Update did not have a material impact on the schools financial statements.

Date of Management Review

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 16, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) <u>LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS</u>

At June 30, 2022 and 2021, the School has financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general expenditures of \$5,348,885 and \$5,442,051, respectively. None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position date.

The School's objective is to maintain liquid assets without donor restrictions sufficient to cover 60 days of program expenditures. The School regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments. Expenditures are generally met within 30 days utilizing the resources the School has available. In addition, the School operates with a budget to monitor sources and uses of funds throughout the year.

(3) <u>GRANTS RECEIVABLES</u>

Grants receivable at June 30, June 30, 2022 and 2021 consist of the following:

		2022		2021
Due from State of Louisiana	\$	2,754,308	<u>\$</u>	381,670
	<u>\$</u>	2,754,308	<u>\$</u>	381,670

(4) <u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</u>

Property and equipment consists of the following at June 30, 2022 and 2021:

		2022		2021
Machinery and equipment Less accumulated depreciation	\$	40,869 (40,869)	\$	40,869 (40,869)
Total	<u>\$</u>		<u>\$</u>	

There was no depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021.

(5) <u>LINE OF CREDIT</u>

The School has a line of credit in the amount of \$70,000. The interest rate on the line of credit was 5.5% at June 30, 2022. There was no outstanding balance due on the line of credit as of June 30, 2022 and 2021. The line of credit expired on March 31, 2022 and was renewed for an additional year to March 2023. As of October 13, 2022, the line of credit was officially closed.

(6) <u>LONG-TERM DEBT</u>

As of April 17, 2020, the School was granted a \$1,719,700 loan under the Paycheck Protection Program "PPP" administered by a Small Business Administration (SBA) approved partner. The loan is uncollateralized and is fully guaranteed by the Federal government. The School is eligible for loan forgiveness of up to 100% of the loan, upon meeting certain requirements. Proceeds from the loan are eligible for forgiveness if the School maintains employment levels during its 10-month covered period and uses the funds for certain payroll, rent and utility expenses. To the extent that the School is not granted forgiveness, the School will be required to repay any remaining balance, plus interest accrued at 1% annum in monthly payments beginning on November 17, 2020. Principal and interest payments will be required through the maturity date of April 17, 2022. The loan was forgiven on October 6, 2021, therefore, the School has recognized the \$1,719,700 as forgiveness of debt for the year ended June 30, 2022.

(7) <u>RESTRICTIONS ON NET ASSETS</u>

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following at June 30th:

	2	2021		
Cafeteria equipment	\$	-	\$	-
Knorr Foundation		2,268		5,238
NSNO Learning Accelerator				22,500
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$	2,268	\$	27,738

Net assets with donor restrictions were released from restrictions for the following purposes during the years ended June 30th:

		2022		2021
Cafeteria equipment	\$	-	\$	4,458
Knorr Foundation		2,970		9,762
Band equipment		-		4,000
NSNO Learning Accelerator		22,500		-
IQI Grant – science materials				10,000
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>\$</u>	25,470	<u>\$</u>	28,220

(8) <u>CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK</u>

The School maintains cash in bank accounts in excess of insured limits periodically. The School has not experienced any losses and does not believe that significant credit risk exists as a result of this practice. All of the School's cash is maintained in collateralized bank accounts.

(9) <u>RETIREMENT PLAN</u>

The School offers eligible employees the opportunity to participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), a state retirement plan. The TRSL is a costsharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The TRSL issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the TRSL. That report may be obtained by writing to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9123. Pertinent information relative to the plan follows:

All eligible full-time employees of the School are covered by defined benefit contributory pension plans administered and controlled by a separate Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees administers plans which are cost-sharing multipleemployer public employee retirement systems.

(9) <u>RETIREMENT PLAN (CONTINUED)</u>

Teachers and administrative employees belong to the Teachers' Regular Plan. Benefits are established by State Statute. TRS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. Death and disability benefits vest after 5 years of credited service. Normal retirement is at age 60 with 10 years of service or 20 years of service regardless of age for the Teachers' Regular plan members. Retirement benefits are based upon the employee's age, their last three years of compensation and the number of years that the employee was contributing to TRS.

The percentage formula is applied to the average of the highest three successive annual salaries. The benefit is payable for life with eight available annuity payment plans. The plans also provide various death and disability benefits whereby the disabled employee or surviving spouse is entitled to receive amounts determined as defined by the plan.

Plan members are required to contribute 8% of their annual covered salary. The School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate is 25.8% of annual eligible contributions for the TRSL and is established by state law, and rates are established by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee. The School's contributions for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 were \$2,358,770 and \$2,131,065, respectively.

(10) <u>LEASE COMMITMENTS</u>

As of July 1, 2021, the School entered into an agreement with the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) which allows the School to use the facilities and its contents located at 211 S. Lopez Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The lease is designated for their elementary school and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.

As of July 1, 2021, the School entered into an agreement with the OPSB which allows the School to use the facilities and its contents located at 1301 N. Derbigny, New Orleans, Louisiana. The lease is designated for their high school and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.

As of July 1, 2021, the School entered into an agreement with the OPSB which allows the School to use the facilities and its contents located at 2733 Esplanade Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana. The lease is designated for their middle school and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023. The lease was canceled at year end as the School entered into a lease at 3819 St. Claude Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana.

As of July 1, 2022, the School entered into an agreement with the OPSB which allows the School to use the facilities and its contents located at 3819 St. Claude Ave, New Orleans, Louisiana. The lease is designated for their middle school and is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2023.

(10)**LEASE COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

All of the aforementioned lease leases call for payments based on the a Use Fee and participation in OPSB's Per Pupil Unit Cost Program. The Use Fee is calculated annually and withheld from MFP funds by OPSB. The calculation is based on each charter schools per pupil share of the actual costs of property, boiler and machinery, terrorism, disaster management and flood insurance of all OPSB-controlled school facilities participating in the Per Pupil Unit Cost Program, and includes any insurance brokerage fee, unrelated to recovery of capital costs or depreciation that would be recovered in a traditional lease relationship.

Use of the properties in the aforementioned leases is not recorded as an in-kind contribution from, or related rent expense to, the OPSB as the value of the use of the land and building is not readily determinable. The agreement is classified as an exchange transaction because both parties receive significant value rom this arrangement. Accordingly, the present value of the benefit to be received in future years has not been recorded.

The School entered into five lease agreements for 15 copiers starting on April 1, 2019 and expiring on June 26, 2025. Monthly lease payments range from \$191 to \$1,343. Rent expense was \$22,140 and \$9,820 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

The School entered into two lease agreements for 215 Chromebooks copiers starting on June 12, 2019 and expiring on May 12, 2024. Monthly lease payments total \$1,514. Rent expense was \$18,852 and \$18,168 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under the operating leases are as follows:

2023	\$ 44,103
2024	38,731
2025	 22,476
	\$ 105,310

(11) GRANT PROGRAM CONTINGENCIES

The School participates in a number of state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received and the collectability of any related receivable as of June 30, 2022 and 2021 might be impaired. In management's opinion, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing state and federal grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies. Audits of prior years have not resulted in any significant disallowed costs or refunds. Any costs that would be disallowed would be recognized in the period agreed upon by the grantor agency and the School.

(12) <u>ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY</u>

The School receives the majority of its revenue from the State of Louisiana. Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 totaled \$15,495,875 and \$13,860,395, respectively. Funding from various federal grants are passed through the State of Louisiana and totaled \$3,353,348 and \$2,035,435 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The grant amounts are appropriated each year by the federal and state governments. If significant budget cuts are made at the federal and/or state level, the amount of funds the School receives could be reduced significantly and have an adverse impact on its operations. Management is not aware of any actions that will significantly affect the amount of funds the School will receive in fiscal year 2023 relating to its grant awards.

(13) <u>NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS</u>

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has issued Accounting Standards Update (Update) No. 2016-02, "*Leases*." This Update seeks to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and by disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. This Update has been deferred multiple times, most recently through ASU 2020-05 "*Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) and Leases (Topic 842).*" Entities may now apply the guidance in Update No. 2016-02 to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021, and to interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2022. The School plans to adopt this Update as applicable by the effective date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Time served	Patricia Perkins 07/01/21 through 06/30/22	
Private grants and contributions Benefits - insurance Benefits - retirement	\$	156,237 6,912 39,372
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	<u>\$</u>	202,521

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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 Directors of Morris Jeff Community School New Orleans, Louisiana

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 Morris Jeff Community School (a non-profit corporation), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2022, 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 December 16, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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



To the Board of Directors of Morris Jeff Community School New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Morris Jeff Community 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-001.

Morris Jeff Community School's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Authority's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Authority's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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 Morris Jeff Community 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 Morris Jeff Community School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 16, 2022 New Orleans, Louisiana

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SINGLE AUDIT SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors of Morris Jeff Community School New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Morris Jeff Community School's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Morris Jeff Community School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. Morris Jeff Community School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Morris Jeff Community School complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Morris Jeff Community School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Morris Jeff Community School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Morris Jeff Community School's federal programs.



To the Board of Directors Morris Jeff Community School, Inc. New Orleans, Louisiana

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Morris Jeff Community School's compliance based on our audit. 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Morris Jeff Community School's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Morris Jeff Community School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Morris Jeff Community School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of orris Jeff Community School's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.



To the Board of Directors Morris Jeff Community School, Inc. New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or a combination of deficience is a deficiency, or a combination of over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance of the type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 16, 2022 New Orleans, Louisiana

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MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AL Number	Disburs	leral sements/ ditures
U.S. Department of Education			
Pass-through program from Louisiana Department of Education			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010		\$ 596,399
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):			
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027		372,561
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048		28,264
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365		21,569
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367		78,316
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424		37,399
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	893,428	
COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	84.425U	451,696	
Total Education Stabilization Fund			1,345,124
Total U.S. Department of Education			2,479,632
U.S. Department of Agriculture			
Pass-through program from Louisiana Department of Education			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	133,091	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	473,939	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			607,030
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558		59,508
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			666,538
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			
Pass-through program from Louisiana Department of Education			
Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases (ELC)	93.323		45,300
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			45,300
Total expenditures of federal awards			\$ 3,191,470

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

(1) **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal grant activity of Morris Jeff Community School under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2022. The information in the schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Morris Jeff Community School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Morris Jeff Community School.

(2) <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>

Expense Recognition

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement.

Payments to Subrecipients

There were no payments to subrecipients for the fiscal year ended JUNE 30, 2022.

(3) <u>INDIRECT COST RATE</u>

Morris Jeff Community School has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORTS

- 1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of Morris Jeff Community School.
- 2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- 3. One instance of noncompliance is reported in the Independent Auditor's 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*.
- 4. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- 5. The auditors' report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Morris Jeff Community School expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
- 6. There were no audit findings required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a).
- 7. The programs tested as major programs were the Education Stabilization Fund (AL Nos. 84.425D and 84.425U).
- 8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. Morris Jeff Community School was determined to be a low-risk auditee.
- 10. A management letter was not issued for the year ended June 30, 2022.

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

II. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2022-001 Noncompliance with Louisiana Code of Ethics

<u>Criteria</u>: Per Louisiana Code of Ethics (La. R.S. 42:1101 *et seq.*) Revised Statute 39:1212, employees of charter schools and board members should annually complete a one-hour training program.

<u>Condition</u>: During our Louisiana Legislative Auditor Agreed-upon Procedure Engagement, we noted that Morris Jeff Community School was not keeping documentation of ethics training and therefore, could not identify who completed the mandatory one-hour training course.

<u>Effect</u>: Morris Jeff Community School is not in compliance with Louisiana Code of Ethics (La. R.S. 42:1101 *et seq.*).

<u>Cause</u>: Morris Jeff Community School experienced turnover in its Human Resources Department which has led to gaps in required documentation.

<u>Views of Responsible Officials</u>: Management agrees with the finding and will implement procedures to become compliant with Louisiana Code of Ethics (La. R.S. 42:1101 *et seq.*). See Management's Corrective Action Plan for further information.

III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

There were no findings related to major federal awards programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

I. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Not applicable

II. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS

Not applicable

III. MANAGEMENT LETTER

Not applicable

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN-FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2022

December 16, 2022

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Morris Jeff Community School respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel LLP 4227 Canal Street New Orleans, Louisiana 70119 Contact: Ronald H. Dawson, Jr.

Audit Period: 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022

The finding from the June 30, 2022 Schedule of Findings and Responses is discussed below. The finding is numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the Schedule of Findings and Responses.

SECTION II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2022-001 Noncompliance with Louisiana Code of Ethics

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that Management develop policies and procedures to ensure compliance with Louisiana Code of Ethics.

<u>Response</u>: Morris Jeff has engaged with an external HR firm to assist with any gaps caused by staffing and/or role changes. HR Firm is taking on the role of tracking and maintaining Ethics Training Compliance documentation for the year 22-23.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please call Jared Frank at (504) 503-0730.

Sincerely,	
Jared K. Frank	Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Signature

Title

SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW (PERFORMANCE STATISTICAL DATA)



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of Morris Jeff Community School New Orleans, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of Morris Jeff Community School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022; and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions, in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 I. Management of Morris Jeff Community School is responsible for its performance and statistical data.

Morris Jeff Community School has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements. Additionally, the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

<u>General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources</u> (Schedule 1)

- 1. We selected a sample of 25 transactions, reviewed supporting documentation, and observed that the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts for each of the following amounts reported on the schedule:
 - a. Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
 - b. Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
 - c. Total Local Taxation Revenue,
 - d. Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
 - e. Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
 - f. Nonpublic Textbook Revenue,
 - g. Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

Exceptions: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.



To the Board of Directors Morris Jeff Community School

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 2)

2. We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the schedule. We then traced a sample of 10 classes to the October 1 roll books for those classes and observed that the class was properly classified on the schedule.

Exceptions: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

Education Levels/Experience of Public School Staff (NO SCHEDULE)

3. We obtained October 1st PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing prepared by management), including full-time teachers, principals, and assistant principals by classification, as well as their level of education and experience, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's education level and experience was property classified on the PEP data or equivalent listing prepared by management.

Exceptions: Two employee's education level was reported incorrectly.

Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries (NO SCHEDULE)

4. We obtained June 30th PEP data submitted to the Department of Education (or equivalent listing provided by management) of all classroom teachers, including base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status, as well as full-time equivalents, and obtained management's representation that the data/listing was complete. We then selected a sample of 25 individuals, traced to each individual's personnel file, and observed that each individual's salary, extra compensation, and full-time equivalents were properly included on the PEP data (or equivalent listing prepared by management).

Exceptions: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

We were engaged by Morris Jeff Community School to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the performance and statistical data. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.



To the Board of Directors Morris Jeff Community School

We are required to be independent of Morris Jeff Community School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope and results of testing performed on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of the Morris Jeff Community School, as required by Louisiana Revised Statue 24:514.I, and for the information and use of Morris Jeff Community School, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

December 16, 2022 New Orleans, Louisiana

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MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL GENERAL FUND INSTRUCTIONAL AND SUPPORT EXPENDITURES AND CERTAIN LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

GENERAL FUND INSTRUCTIONAL AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES

	Column A		Column B	
General fund instructional expenditures:				
Teacher and student interaction activities:				
Classroom teacher salaries	\$	4,660,810		
Other instructional staff salaries		1,465,971		
Instructional staff employee benefits		2,514,445		
Purchased professional and technical services		3,080		
Instructional materials and supplies	<u> </u>	942,022		
Total teacher and students interaction activities			\$	9,586,328
Other instructional activities				146,550
Pupil support services		329,654		
Less: Equipment for pupil support services				
Net pupil support services				329,654
Instructional staff services		1,374,685		
Less: Equipment for instructional staff services		-		
Net instructional staff services				1,374,685
School administration		1,163,624		
Less: equipment for school administration		-		
Net school administration				1,163,624
Total general fund instructional expenditures (total of column B)			\$	12,600,841
Total General fund equipment expenditures			\$	
CERTAIN LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES				
Total local taxation revenue			\$	
Total local earnings on investment in real property			\$	
Total state revenue in lieu of taxes			\$	
Nonpublic textbook revenue			\$	
Nonpublic transportation revenue			\$	

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL CLASS SIZE CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2021

	CLASS SIZE RANGE								
	1-20		21-26		27-33		34+		
SCHOOL TYPE:	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	
Elementary		-		-		-		-	
Elementary/Activity Classes		-		-		-		-	
Middle/Jr. High		-		-		-		-	
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes		-		-		-		-	
High		-		-		-		-	
High Activity Classes		-		-		-		-	
Combination	26%	154	52%	308	20%	119	2%	14	
Combination Activity Classes		-		-		-		-	

Note: The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has set specific limits on the maximum size of classes at various grade levels. The maximum enrollment in grades K-3 is 26 students and maximum enrollment in grades 4-12 is 33 students. These limits do not apply to activity classes such as physical education, chorus, band, and other classes without maximum enrollment standards. Therefore, these classes are included only as separate line items. These limits are not applicable to charter schools.

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – BESE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

December 16, 2022

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

The Morris Jeff Community School respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for items identified pursuant to the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement prescribed by you.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel LLP 4227 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70119

Engagement Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The exceptions from the Agreed-Upon Procedures Report are discussed below:

Education Levels/Experience of Public-School Staff (NO SCHEDULE)

Exceptions: Two employee's education level was reported incorrectly.

<u>Management's Response to Exceptions</u>: Management has noted and agrees with the above exceptions. Management will consider the effects of such exceptions and the need to enhance key controls or compensating controls in the identified areas.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please call Jared Frank at (504) 503-0730.

Sincerely,

Jared K. Frank

Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Signature

Title

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022





INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Governance of Morris Jeff Community School

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Morris Jeff Community School's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Morris Jeff Community School has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are attached in Schedule "1."

We were engaged by Morris Jeff Community School to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Morris Jeff Community School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

December 16, 2022 New Orleans, Louisiana

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WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- 1. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - a) *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) *Purchasing*, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) *Receipts/Collections*, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
 - e) *Payroll/Personnel*, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
 - f) *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - g) *Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)*, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
 - h) *Travel and Expense Reimbursement*, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - *Ethics*, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (CONTINUED)

- j) *Debt Service*, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- 1) *Sexual Harassment*, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

<u>Results:</u> The written policies and procedures entirely address the functions of budgeting, purchasing, disbursements, receipts/collections, payroll/personnel, contracting, credit cards, travel and expense reimbursement, and ethics. Debt is not applicable as the Organization has no debt and sexual harassment is not applicable as the Organization is a charter school not subject to the sexual harassment law, R.S. 42:344. Information technology/disaster recovery/business continuity is not addressed.

BOARD OR FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 2. <u>Procedures</u>: Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) Observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

<u>Results</u>: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

- 3. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

<u>Results</u>: Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date. Bank reconciliations did not include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation. Bank reconciliations had reconciling items outstanding for more than 12 months at the statement closing date. The reconciled balance for the final month of the fiscal period agrees to the general ledger.

COLLECTIONS

- 4. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5):
- 5. <u>Procedures:</u> For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

COLLECTIONS (CONTINUED)

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

6. <u>**Procedures**</u>: Obtain form management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

<u>Results</u>: The Organization has an insurance policy that covers theft and it was enforced during the fiscal period.

- 7. **Procedures:** Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc. Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - d) Observe the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

<u>NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD PURCHASES/PAYMENTS,</u> <u>TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PETTY CASH PURCHASES)</u>

- 8. <u>Procedures</u>: Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5):
- 9. <u>Procedures</u>: For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - f) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - g) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - h) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - i) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

- 10. **Procedures**: For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g. initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

CREDIT CARDS/DEBIT CARDS/P-CARDS

11. <u>Procedure:</u> Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

<u>Results</u>: Obtained a listing of all active credit cards and representation the listing is complete.

- 12. <u>Procedures:</u> Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

<u>Results</u>: The monthly statements were not approved in writing by the Executive Director. There were no finance charges and/or late fees assessed on the selected statements.

13. <u>Procedure:</u> Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e., each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

<u>Results</u>: Two sample transactions were not supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased. Seven sample transactions did not document the individuals participating in meals.

<u>TRAVEL AND TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING</u> <u>CARD TRANSACTIONS)</u>

- 14. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

CONTRACTS

- 15. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
 - a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that the amendments were made in compliance with contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, was approval documented)

CONTRACTS (CONTINUED)

d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL

- 16. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- 17. **Procedures:** Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
 - a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
 - d) Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

18. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employees' or officials' cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employees' or officials' authorized pay rates in the employees' or officials' personnel files and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL (CONTINUED)

19. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

<u>ETHICS</u>

- 20. **Procedures:** Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

<u>Results:</u> Management does not have documentation indicating each employee completed one hour of ethics training.

DEBT SERVICE

21. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

<u>Results:</u> Not applicable. The Organization did not issue bonds/notes during the fiscal period.

22. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

<u>Results</u>: Not applicable. The School did not issue or have any outstanding bonds/notes and other debt instruments during the year ended June 30, 2022.

<u>FRAUD</u>

23. <u>Procedures:</u> Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Results: No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

24. <u>Procedures:</u> Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

<u>Results:</u> No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedure.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DISASTER RECOVERY/ BUSINESS CONTINUTY

- 25. **Procedures:** Perform the following procedures:
 - a) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.
 - b) Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.
 - c) Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

<u>Results</u>: We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- 26. **Procedures:** Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.
- 27. <u>Procedures:</u> Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- 28. **Procedures:** Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344.
 - a) Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - b) Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - c) Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - d) Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - e) Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

<u>Results</u>: The Organization as a charter school is not subject to the sexual harassment law or training requirements.

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

December 16, 2022

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

Morris Jeff Community School respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for items identified pursuant to the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement prescribed by you.

Name and address of independent public accounting firm:

Ericksen Krentel LLP 4227 Canal Street New Orleans, LA 70119

Engagement Period: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The exceptions from the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures Report are discussed below:

Written Policies and Procedures

Exceptions: None of the functions of disaster recovery/business continuity are addressed by the entity's written policies and procedures.

Bank Reconciliations

Exceptions: All bank reconciliations did not include evidence of management or board member reviewal or approval. One bank reconciliation did not have reconciling item documentation for items over 12 months.

<u>Credit Cards</u>

Exceptions: Credit card statements documentation was not reviewed or approved by someone other than the cardholder. There were two samples that did not show the itemized receipts of the purchases and 7 samples that did not indicate who participated in the meal expense.

<u>Ethics</u>

Exceptions: Management does not have documentation indicating each employee completed one hour of ethics training.

MORRIS JEFF COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN – AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

<u>Management's Response to Exceptions</u>: Management has noted and agrees with the above exceptions. Management will consider the effects of such exceptions and the need to enhance key controls or compensating controls in the identified areas.

If there are any questions regarding this plan, please call Jared Frank at (504) 503-0730.

Sincerely,

Jared K. Frank

Executive Director of Finance & Operations

Signature

Title