# LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.

# FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors of **Legacy of Excellence**, **Inc.** 

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Legacy of Excellence, Inc. (LoE) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

To the Board of Directors of Legacy of Excellence, Inc.

#### Auditors' Responsibility, Continued

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **LoE** as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

To the Board of Directors of **Legacy of Excellence**, Inc.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CRF) 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. Also, the accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Chief Executive Officer/Principal 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

To the Board of Directors of Legacy of Excellence, Inc.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 12, 2020, on our consideration of LoE'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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering LoE's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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# **LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.** STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2019

# ASSETS

Cash Cash restricted for student activities (NOTE 3) Grants receivable (NOTE 4) Prepaid expenses Deposits Equipment, net (NOTE 9)	\$ 2,411,684 134,142 909,288 105,369 24,417 318,062
Total assets	\$ 3,902,962
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued liabilities Note payable (NOTE 17)	\$    366,149 636,882 1,169,000
Total liabilities	2,172,031
Net Assets: Without donor restrictions (NOTE 1) With donor restrictions (NOTES 1 and 16)	1,591,982 138,949
Total net assets	1,730,931
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 3,902,962

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

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# **LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.** STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

REVENUES	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Local sources: Minimum Foundation Program Contributions Student activity fees Other	\$ 4,402,427 11,600	\$ - 117,547	\$ 4,402,427 11,600 117,547 8,843
Total local sources	4,422,870	117,547	4,540,417
State sources: Minimum Foundation Program Grant Other	3,433,128 79,973 172,719	- - -	3,433,128 79,973 172,719
Total state sources	3,685,820	-	3,685,820
Federal grants	975,112		975,112
Net assets released from restrictions (NOTE 16)	125,109	(125,109)	
Total revenues EXPENSES	9,208,911	(7,562)	9,201,349
Program services Supporting services	4,973,700 <u>3,867,135</u>		4,973,700 <u>3,867,135</u>
Total expenses	8,840,835		8,840,835
Change in net assets	368,076	(7,562)	360,514
Net assets, beginning of year	1,223,906	146,511	1,370,417
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 1,591,982</u>	\$ 138,949	\$ 1,730,931

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

# **LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.** STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	PROGRAM SERVICES	SUPPORTING SERVICES	
	Instruction	Management and General	Total
Salaries	\$ 3,436,331	\$ 1,241,521	\$ 4,677,852
Employee benefits	1,196,156	486,501	1,682,657
Total salaries and employee benefits	4,632,487	1,728,022	6,360,509
Purchased professional and technical services	36,799	270,327	307,126
Purchased property services	15,226	280,769	295,995
Student transportation services	-	648,860	648,860
Insurance	-	108,094	108,094
Communications	4,406	-	4,406
Food service management	-	11,385	11,385
Other purchased services	-	45,692	45,692
Student activity	125,109	-	125,109
Supplies	159,673	35,410	195,083
Utilities	-	103,094	103,094
Equipment		-	-
Depreciation	-	82,936	82,936
Authorizer fee expense (NOTE 13)	-	551,760	551,760
Dues	-	152	152
Miscellaneous	-	634	634
Total expenses	\$ 4,973,700	\$ 3,867,135	\$ 8,840,835

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

# **LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.** STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

# CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash	\$	360,514
provided by operating activities: Depreciation Changes in assets and liabilities:		82,936
Increase in grants receivable		(22,120)
Increase in prepaid expense		(22,129)
Increase in accounts payable		(104,804) 83,334
Increase in accrued liabilities		
increase in accrued habilities		84,272
Net cash provided by operating activities		484,123
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of equipment	k	(332,885)
Net cash used in investing activities		(332,885)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from note payable		1,169,000
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,169,000
Increase in cash		1,320,238
Cash, beginning of year	L	1,225,588
Cash, end of year	\$	2,545,826
<b>RECONCILIATION TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:</b>		
Cash	\$	2,411,684
Cash restricted for student activities	ψ	134,142
	<u></u>	107,146
	\$	2,545,826

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

## NOTE 1 - <u>NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT</u> <u>ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u>:

#### <u>General</u>

**Legacy of Excellence, Inc. (LoE)** was awarded a Type 3 charter by NOLA Public Schools (formerly Orleans Parish School Board) in 2018 to operate Benjamin Franklin Math and Science Elementary School. The charter for **LoE** was approved for an initial five (5) year period that commenced on July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2023 and subject to renewal following the end of the initial operating period.

**LoE's** vision is to accelerate the learning of all students through data driven inquiry, reflective teaching and powerful learning. The mission of **LoE** is to educate children to excel academically and individually.

During the 2019-2020 school year, **LoE** provided educational services to students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grades, with a total enrollment at **LoE** of 750.

#### Basis of Accounting

**LoE's** financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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

#### Equipment

Fixed assets of LoE are recorded as assets (capitalized) and are stated at historical costs if purchased or at fair market value at the date of the gift, if donated. LoE follows the policy of capitalizing all individual fixed assets purchased or donated greater than \$1,000 or if acquired through a bulk purchase or donation greater than \$10,000, in aggregate. Additions, improvements and expenditures that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Depreciation is provided utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, generally 3 to 20 years for improvements and for other property and equipment.

Donations of property and equipment are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as unrestricted contributions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific use.

#### Grant Revenue

Revenues from governmental grants are recognized when allowable expenditures are made by LoE. Funds received for specific purposes but not yet expended are recorded as deferred revenue.

#### Statement of Cash Flows

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash equivalents include all highly liquid instruments purchased with original maturities of three (3) months or less. LoE had no cash equivalents at June 30, 2020.

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

#### Income Taxes

**LoE** is exempt from federal income taxes through Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes is made in the accompanying financial statements. **LoE** files as a tax-exempt organization.

## Basis of Reporting

During the 2020 fiscal year, LoE has implemented the guidance under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities, which amends the previous standard for external financial reporting by not-for-profit organizations. Under ASU 2016-14, LoE classifies resources for financial accounting and reporting purposes into two net asset categories: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. A description of the two net asset categories is as follows:

- Net assets without donor restrictions include funds not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Grants and contributions without donor restrictions, other income and expenses incurred in conducting the mission of LoE are included in this category.
- Net assets with donor restrictions include grants and contributions for which donor-imposed time and/or purpose restrictions have not been met.

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

## Revenue and Support

Grants and contributions received are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Grants and contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted grants and contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. 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.

## Minimum Foundation Program (MFP)

In accordance with Louisiana state law, LoE receives annually a per pupil amount (MFP Funds) from NOLA Public Schools. NOLA Public Schools receives from LoE an administrative fee of 2% of MFP funds.

## Other Funding

Other revenues received consist of federal and state grants, and other revenue sources.

## NOTE 2 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION EXPENSES:

The cost of providing the various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program and support services in the accompanying Statement of Activities.

# NOTE 3 - STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS:

**LoE** maintains a separate bank account for student activities. This account is collected for various activities from students and parents and are restricted for their collected purpose. Restricted school activity funds totaled \$134,142 at June 30, 2020.

# NOTE 4 - **GRANTS RECEIVABLE**:

At June 30, 2020, grants receivable consisted of the following:

Title I	\$ 457,584
Title IV	10,000
Teacher Incentive Fund	375,548
Educational Excellence	66,156

\$<u>909,288</u>

## NOTE 5 - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets:

**LoE** maintains adequate operating reserves. The current financial assets totaled \$3,320,972 are available for general expenditures, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use.

## NOTE 6 - <u>IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS</u>:

**LoE** also receives donated services from a number of unpaid volunteers assisting **LoE** with its programs, activities, and operations. An estimated value of these services cannot be reasonably determined as a result of the variety of services provided by the varying qualifications of the volunteers. Because the criteria for recognition under FASB ASC Section 958-605 have not been satisfied, these donated services have not been recorded in the financial statements.

# NOTE 7 - <u>**RETIREMENT SYSTEM**</u>:

Substantially all employees of LoE participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL). This system is a cost sharing, multiple-employer governmental defined benefit plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits to eligible participants. The TRSL issues publicly available financial reports that include financial statements and required supplementary information of the TRSL. That report may be obtained by writing the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9123.

Participants vest immediately in employee contributions to the plan. Retirement benefits vest after five years of service if the employee reaches age sixty; otherwise, benefits vest after twenty years of service. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. Upon retirement, participants may select from eight retirement payment options.

Participants are required to contribute 8% of the annual covered payroll to the plan. For the year ended June 30, 2020, LoE is required to contribute 26% of the annual covered payroll of each participating employee. These contribution levels are established by law and set by the Public Retirement Systems Actuarial Committee.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, **LoE** contributions to the plan totaled \$1,113,471, and are included in employee benefits on the statement of functional expenses.

# NOTE 8 - <u>CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK</u>:

**LoE** maintains non-interest-bearing accounts at a local bank. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) provides insurance coverage on deposit accounts for deposit amounts up to \$250,000. The FDIC insurance coverage limit applies per depositor, per insured depository institution for each account ownership category. Total uninsured cash balance at June 30, 2020 was \$1,912,667.

## NOTE 9 - <u>EQUIPMENT</u>:

At June 30, 2020, equipment is stated at cost as follows:

Equipment	\$ 405,004
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(86,942)
Net equipment	\$ <u>318,062</u>

# NOTE 10 - <u>RISK MANAGEMENT</u>:

LoE is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of property for which LoE carries commercial liability insurance coverage.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

# NOTE 11 - CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE SOURCE:

MFP revenue accounts for 86% of LoE's total support for the year ended June 30, 2020. State and federal grants are on a cost-reimbursement basis and account for 10% of LoE's total support for the year ended June 30, 2020. If the amount of revenue received should fall below budgeted award levels, LoE's operating results could be adversely affected.

# NOTE 12 - FACILITY LEASE:

**LoE** entered into a facility lease with the NOLA Public Schools to lease school property owned by NOLA Public Schools for purposes of **LoE** operating a charter school. The term of the facility lease commenced on July 1, 2018 and terminates on June 30, 2021. NOLA Public Schools may extend the term of the lease in accordance with the facility lease agreement.

In consideration of the use of NOLA Public Schools' school property, LoE agreed to pay NOLA Public Schools a use fee based on a formula to compute NOLA Public Schools' per pupil unit cost, as defined in section 4.1.2 of the facility lease agreement.

# NOTE 12 - FACILITY LEASE (CONTINUED):

**LoE** is responsible for the maintenance costs of the leased property and for property repairs costing \$10,000 or less. NOLA Public Schools is responsible for repairs in excess of \$10,000 that are not caused by the negligence of **LoE**. Any facility alterations to the lease property must be approved by NOLA Public Schools.

# NOTE 13 - AUTHORIZER FEE EXPENSE:

Authorizer fee expense was incurred by LoE for services provided by NOLA Public Schools at June 30, 2020, as follows:

LEA service fee	\$396,545
MFP administrative fee	<u>155,215</u>
Total	\$ <u>551,760</u>

# NOTE 14 - <u>CONTINGENCY</u>:

**LoE** is a recipient of grants from the state, local and federal funding agencies. The grants are governed by various state, local and federal guidelines, regulations, and contractual agreements.

The administration of the programs and activities funded by these grants are under the control and administration of **LoE** and are subject to audit and/or review by grantors. Any grant found to be not properly spent in accordance with the terms, conditions, and regulations of the state, local and federal agencies may be subject to recapture.

## NOTE 15 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION:

The Board of Directors of LoE is a voluntary board; therefore, no compensation was paid to any board member during the year ended June 30, 2020.

# **LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.** NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

#### NOTE 16 - <u>NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS</u>:

Net assets with donor restrictions in the amount of \$138,949 are available for student activities at June 30, 2020.

Net assets with donor restrictions in the amount of \$125,109 were released from restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the student activity restrictions specified by donors at June 30, 2020.

#### NOTE 17 - <u>NOTE PAYABLE</u>:

**LoE** obtained a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) loan under the Paycheck Protection Program from a financial institution in the amount of \$1,169,000.00. The note is dated May 5, 2020, with 1% interest, and will mature in two (2) years from the date of the note on May 5, 2022.

The Paycheck Protection Program provides a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

**LoE's** payments on the note are deferred for a period of six (6) months from the date of the note; however, interest will begin to accrue from the date of the note and continue until the note is paid in full at the maturity date.

The payment begins after the deferment period (seven (7) from the month the note was dated).

The note is subject to an expected forgivable portion. The amount of the loan forgiveness shall not exceed the principal amount of the loan and is subject to SBA Rules and Regulations consistent with the Paycheck Protection Program Rules.

#### NOTE 18 - <u>NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS</u>:

The FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02 affecting ASC 842, *Leases*, which provides guidance for any entity that enters into a lease (as defined in this Update), with some specified scope exemptions. The guidance in this Update supersedes ASC 840 *Leases*. The primary objective of this Update is to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities in the statement of financial position and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The amendments in this Update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020 and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021.

**LoE** is currently assessing the impact of this new pronouncement on its financial statements.

## NOTE 19 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

**LoE** is required to evaluate events or transactions that may occur after the statement of financial position date for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. **LoE** performed such an evaluation through October 12, 2020, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

LoE's operations may be affected by the recent and ongoing outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19) which was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in March 2020. The ultimate disruption which may be caused by the outbreak is uncertain; however, it may result in an adverse impact on LoE's subsequent financial statements. Possible effects may include, but not limited to, disruption of LoE's operations and related revenue, unavailability of products and supplies used in operations and possible decline in assets held by LoE.

#### LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Federal Grantor/Program Name U.S. Department of Education	Federal CFDA Number		Federal penditures
<u>Awards from a Pass-Through Entity</u> Passed-Through: LA State Department of Education Title I, Part A	84.010	\$	457,584
Title IV, Part A High Cost Services	84.298 84.282C	۲	10,000 17,500
Charter School Program Teacher Incentive Fund	84.282A 84.374		240,598 249,430
Total LA State Department of Education		· <u> </u>	975,112
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u> </u>	975,112
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>		\$	975,112

NOTE: The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of LoE under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2020 and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial

See independent auditors' report on supplementary information.

#### **SCHEDULE II**

# LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/PRINCIPAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

# Chief Executive Officer/Principal Name: Charlotte L. Matthew

Purpose	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$142,799
Benefits – insurance	4,877
Benefits – retirement	40,419
Bonus	-0-
Car allowance	-0-
Vehicle provided by government	-0-
Per diem	-0-
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration fees	-0-
Conference travel	-0-
Continuing professional education fees	-0-
License fees	-0-
Unvouchered expenses	-0-
Special meals	-0-

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH <u>GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS</u>

To the Board of Directors of Legacy of Excellence, Inc.

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 **Legacy of Excellence**, **Inc.** (LoE) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 12, 2020.

## **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

# 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 (CONTINUED)

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting, Continued

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

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

# 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 (CONTINUED)

#### **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 **LOE's** internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering **LOE's** internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors, its management, grantor agencies and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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# 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 Legacy of Excellence, Inc.

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Legacy of Excellence, Inc.'s (LoE) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on LoE's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020. LoE's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

## Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, CONTINUED

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for LoE's major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. 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). Those standards and *the Uniform Guidance* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about LoE's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of **LoE's** compliance.

#### **Opinion on the Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, **LoE** complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2020.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, CONTINUED

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of LoE is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered LoE's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program 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 internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of LoE's 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance 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 is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE, CONTINUED

## Purpose of this Report

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. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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# LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC. SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

We have audited the financial statements of the Legacy of Excellence, Inc. as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated October 12, 2020. 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2020, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

## SECTION I - Summary of Auditors' Results

- A. Significant deficiencies in internal control were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements: <u>None Reported</u>: material weaknesses: <u>No</u>.
- B. Noncompliance which is material to the financial statements: No.
- C. Significant deficiencies in internal control over major programs: <u>None Reported</u> Material weaknesses: <u>No</u>.
- D. The type of report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified.
- E. Any audit findings which are required to be reported under section 200.516 of OMB Uniform Guidance: No.
- F. Major program: Title I, Part A CFDA Number – 84.010
- G. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: **§750,000**.
- H. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under section 200.520 of OMB Uniform Guidance: <u>No</u>.
- I. A management letter was issued: No.

# **LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.** SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS, CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

# SECTION II - Findings Related to the Financial Statements Required In Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

No matters were reported.

# SECTION III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Cost

No matters were reported.

# **LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.** SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONNED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

No matters reported.

Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

No matters reported.

Section III - Management Letter

No comments reported.

# LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC.

# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of **Legacy of Excellence, Inc.**, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by management of **Legacy of Excellence, Inc. (LoE)**, the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (the specified parties), on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of **LoE** for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020; and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions as provided by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 I. Management of **LoE** is responsible for its performance and statistical data. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described on pages 3 to 5 either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed 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, 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.

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

## (CONTINUED)

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of **LoE**, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 I, and the results 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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October 12, 2020

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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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#### PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS

Our procedures and associated findings are as follows:

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

- 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 among the following amounts reported on the schedule:
  - Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures,
  - Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures,
  - Total Local Taxation Revenue,
  - Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property,
  - Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes,
  - Nonpublic Textbook Revenue, and
  - Nonpublic Transportation Revenue.

No differences noted.

#### Class Size Characteristics (SCHEDULE 2, formerly SCHEDULE 6)

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, 2019 roll books for those classes and observed that the class was properly classified on the schedule.

We noted one (1) of ten (10) classes tested were incorrectly classified on the schedule.

#### Management Response

We concur with the Auditors' finding. (1) Student left the School and exited the Parish on October 16, 2019. This Student was not reported on the LEADS Summary Schedule as of October 1, 2019. The School's records properly reported the Student as being enrolled, and on the Roll Book as of the October 1, 2019 statistical count.

#### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

#### ON

#### APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

#### (CONTINUED)

#### PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS, CONTINUED

#### Education Levels/Experience of Public School Staff (No Schedule)

3. We obtained the October 1<sup>st</sup> PEP data submitted to the Department of Education, 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 is 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 properly classified on the PEP data.

We noted that **LoE** had inaccurately reported the years of experience of two (2) of the twenty-five (25) individuals tested and inaccurately reported the education level of two (2) of the twenty-five (25) individuals tested.

#### Management's Response

We agree with the Auditors' findings with regard to the inaccuracy of reporting the years of experience for two (2) of the twenty-five (25) individuals sampled, and with respect to the education level of two (2) of the twenty-five (25) individuals sampled. Benjamin Franklin Elementary administration will establish a process that will allow for a thorough and final review of the PEP data as prepared by our Fiscal Partner prior to submission to the State.

# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

#### (CONTINUED)

#### PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS, CONTINUED

#### Public School Staff Data: Average Salaries (No Schedule)

4. We obtained the June 30<sup>th</sup> PEP data submitted to the Department of Education of all classroom teachers, including base salary, extra compensation, and ROTC or rehired retiree status, as well as full-time equivalents, and obtain management's representation that the data is 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.

In twenty-four (24) of twenty-five (25) tested, we noted the salary amount reported on the June 30, 2020 PEP report did not in agree with the information in the tested individual's personnel file.

#### Management's Response

We concur with the Auditors' finding. After review of the information that was submitted under the June 30, 2020 reporting period, it appears that the Salary amounts reported therein also were inclusive of accrued compensation outside of the reporting period. Benjamin Franklin Elementary administration will establish a process that will allow for a thorough and final review of the PEP data as prepared by our Fiscal Partner prior to submission to the State.

## LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC. SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW (R.S. 24:514 -PERFORMANCE AND STATISTICAL DATA) AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

## SCHEDULE 1 - General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources

This schedule includes general fund instructional and equipment expenditures. It also contains local taxation revenue, earnings on investments, revenue in lieu of taxes, and nonpublic textbook and transportation revenue. This data is used either in the Minimum, Foundation Program (MFP) formula or is presented annually in the MFP 70% Expenditure Requirement Report.

#### SCHEDULE 2 - Class Size Characteristics (formerly SCHEDULE 6)

This schedule includes the percent and number of classes with student enrollment in the following ranges: 1-20; 21-26, 27-33, and 34+ students.

#### LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC. General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures General Fund Instructional Expenditures: Teacher and Student Interaction Activities: Classroom Teacher Salaries Other Instructional Staff Activities Employee Benefits Purchased Professional and Technical Services Instructional Materials and Supplies Instructional Equipment	\$ 2,778,568 657,763 1,196,156 36,799 159,673	
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities		4,828,959
Other Instructional Activities		19,632
Pupil Support Activities Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Activities Net Pupil Support Activities	474,946	474,946
Instructional Staff Services Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	243,248	
Net Instructional Staff Services		243,248
School Administration Less: Equipment for School Administration	1,159,110	
Net School Administration		1,159,110
Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures	•	\$ 6,725,895
Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures		<u>s -</u>
<u>Certain Local Revenue Sources</u> Local Taxation Revenue: Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes		\$ ~
Renewable Ad Valorem Tax Debt Service Ad Valorem Tax		۰۰ دی - -
Up to 1% of Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes Other than School Taxes Sales and Use Taxes		-
Total Local Taxation Revenue		\$
Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property: Earnings from 16th Section Property		\$~
Earnings from Other Real Property		Ψ
Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property		\$
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes: Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax	·	\$-
Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion		.p – 
Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		<u> </u>
Nonpublic Textbook Revenue		\$
Nonpublic Transportation Revenue		\$

See accompanying independent accountants' report on applying agreed-upon procedures.

#### LEAGACY OF EXCELLENCE, INC. Class Size Characteristics As of October 1, 2019

School Type	Class Size Range							
	1 - 20		21 - 26		27 - 33		34+	
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	16.1%	32	36.9%	73	47.0%	93	0.0%	0
Elementary Activity Classes	10.0%	3	43.3%	13	46.7%	14	0.0%	0
Middle/Jr. High	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
High	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
High Activity Classes	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Combination	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Combination Activity Classes	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0

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.

See accompanying independent accountants' report on applying agreed-upon procedures.