

JCFA
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Governance of
JCFA
New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying combining financial statements of JCFA (a nonprofit corporation), which comprise the combining statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related combining statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combining financial statements.

In our opinion, the combining financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of JCFA as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, 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 JCFA 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 combining 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 combining financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about JCFA'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 Governance of
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New Orleans, Louisiana

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combining 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 JCFA'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 JCFA'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.



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New Orleans, Louisiana

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combining 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 combining 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 also not a required part of the combining 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 combining 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 consolidated 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 October 30, 2024 on our consideration of JCFA’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 JCFA’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 JCFA’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

October 30, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>CMO</u>	<u>West Bank</u>	<u>East Bank</u>	<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 205,567	\$ 262,600	\$ 559,333	\$ 117,505	\$ 1,145,005
Grants receivable	2,537	169,970	84,575	432	257,514
Prepaid expenses	2,412	7,411	3,623	11,128	24,574
	<u>210,516</u>	<u>439,981</u>	<u>647,531</u>	<u>129,065</u>	<u>1,427,093</u>
<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:</u>					
Computers	-	120,227	73,194	15,370	208,791
Software	-	19,101	-	-	19,101
Furniture and fixtures	3,642	-	5,537	10,647	19,826
Leasehold improvements	-	15,650	95,899	-	111,549
Vehicles	-	27,050	40,600	-	67,650
Accumulated depreciation	(3,642)	(171,658)	(180,546)	(24,347)	(380,193)
	<u>-</u>	<u>10,370</u>	<u>34,684</u>	<u>1,670</u>	<u>46,724</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS:</u>					
Operating right-of-use assets	-	387,775	620,485	-	1,008,260
Accumulated amortization	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>387,775</u>	<u>620,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,008,260</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 210,516</u>	<u>\$ 838,126</u>	<u>\$ 1,302,700</u>	<u>\$ 130,735</u>	<u>\$ 2,482,077</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>					
Accounts payable	\$ 11,348	\$ 23,604	\$ 28,934	\$ 5,100	\$ 68,986
Accrued expenses	45,068	47,546	58,245	17,057	167,916
Operating lease, current portion	-	114,928	140,905	-	255,833
	<u>56,416</u>	<u>186,078</u>	<u>228,084</u>	<u>22,157</u>	<u>492,735</u>
<u>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</u>					
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	-	272,847	479,580	-	752,427
	<u>-</u>	<u>272,847</u>	<u>479,580</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>752,427</u>
Total liabilities	<u>56,416</u>	<u>458,925</u>	<u>707,664</u>	<u>22,157</u>	<u>1,245,162</u>
<u>NET ASSETS:</u>					
Without donor restrictions	154,100	379,201	595,036	108,578	1,236,915
With donor restrictions	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>154,100</u>	<u>379,201</u>	<u>595,036</u>	<u>108,578</u>	<u>1,236,915</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 210,516</u>	<u>\$ 838,126</u>	<u>\$ 1,302,700</u>	<u>\$ 130,735</u>	<u>\$ 2,482,077</u>

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2023

	CMO	West Bank	East Bank	Lafayette	Total
<u>CURRENT ASSETS:</u>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 156,499	\$ 361,399	\$ 435,672	\$ 40,661	\$ 994,231
Grants receivable	3,000	161,423	171,738	60,300	396,461
Prepaid expenses	1,833	3,349	18,600	15,513	39,295
Total current assets	<u>161,332</u>	<u>526,171</u>	<u>626,010</u>	<u>116,474</u>	<u>1,429,987</u>
<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:</u>					
Computers	-	120,227	73,194	15,370	208,791
Software	-	19,101	-	-	19,101
Furniture and fixtures	3,642	-	5,537	10,647	19,826
Leasehold improvements	-	15,650	95,899	-	111,549
Vehicles	-	27,050	40,600	-	67,650
Accumulated depreciation	(3,642)	(166,248)	(169,437)	(23,846)	(363,173)
Total property and equipment, net	<u>-</u>	<u>15,780</u>	<u>45,793</u>	<u>2,171</u>	<u>63,744</u>
<u>OTHER ASSETS:</u>					
Operating right-of-use assets	-	-	214,129	116,797	330,926
Accumulated amortization	-	-	(105,545)	(57,570)	(163,115)
Total other assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,584</u>	<u>59,227</u>	<u>167,811</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 161,332</u>	<u>\$ 541,951</u>	<u>\$ 780,387</u>	<u>\$ 177,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,661,542</u>
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</u>					
Accounts payable	\$ 454	\$ 6,297	\$ 14,177	\$ 3,519	\$ 24,447
Accrued expenses	6,778	59,875	72,753	7,214	146,620
Operating lease, current portion	-	-	108,584	59,227	167,811
Total current liabilities	<u>7,232</u>	<u>66,172</u>	<u>195,514</u>	<u>69,960</u>	<u>338,878</u>
<u>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:</u>					
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	-	-	-	-	-
Total long-term liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>7,232</u>	<u>66,172</u>	<u>195,514</u>	<u>69,960</u>	<u>338,878</u>
<u>NET ASSETS:</u>					
Without donor restrictions	154,100	475,779	584,873	107,912	1,322,664
With donor restrictions	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	<u>154,100</u>	<u>475,779</u>	<u>584,873</u>	<u>107,912</u>	<u>1,322,664</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 161,332</u>	<u>\$ 541,951</u>	<u>\$ 780,387</u>	<u>\$ 177,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,661,542</u>

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COMBINING STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	CMO			West Bank Campus		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>REVENUE:</u>						
State/local minimum foundation program funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,285,731	\$ -	\$ 1,285,731
Federal grants	-	-	-	368,504	-	368,504
Other state/local funds	-	-	-	123,035	-	123,035
Contributions	33,997	-	33,997	-	-	-
Other income	818,899	-	818,899	13,255	-	13,255
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-	-	-	-
 Total revenue	 852,896	 -	 852,896	 1,790,525	 -	 1,790,525
<u>EXPENSES:</u>						
Program services:						
Special education program	2,959	-	2,959	151,438	-	151,438
Career and technical education	357	-	357	86,739	-	86,739
Other instructional programs	17,121	-	17,121	543,465	-	543,465
Pupil support services	11,825	-	11,825	250,694	-	250,694
Instructional staff services	232,459	-	232,459	17,485	-	17,485
School administration	34,053	-	34,053	298,436	-	298,436
Operation and maintenance of plant	38,513	-	38,513	153,523	-	153,523
Student transportation services	-	-	-	5,254	-	5,254
Food service	-	-	-	11,297	-	11,297
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management and general:						
General administration	258,186	-	258,186	70,449	-	70,449
Business services	-	-	-	298,079	-	298,079
Central services	257,423	-	257,423	244	-	244
 Total expenses	 852,896	 -	 852,896	 1,887,103	 -	 1,887,103
 Change in net assets	 -	 -	 -	 (96,578)	 -	 (96,578)
 Net assets, beginning of year	 154,100	 -	 154,100	 475,779	 -	 475,779
 Net assets, end of year	 \$ 154,100	 \$ -	 \$ 154,100	 \$ 379,201	 \$ -	 \$ 379,201

See accompanying NOTES TO COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	East Bank Campus			Lafayette Campus			Interfund Eliminations	2024 Combined Totals
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total		
REVENUE:								
State/local minimum foundation program funding	\$ 1,925,043	\$ -	\$ 1,925,043	\$ 718,527	\$ -	\$ 718,527	\$ -	\$ 3,929,301
Federal grants	355,064	-	355,064	107,492	-	107,492	-	831,060
Other state/local funds	148,185	-	148,185	33,894	-	33,894	-	305,114
Contributions	500	-	500	-	-	-	-	34,497
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	(818,899)	13,255
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	2,428,792	-	2,428,792	859,913	-	859,913	(818,899)	5,113,227
EXPENSES:								
Program services:								
Special education program	168,206	-	168,206	68,491	-	68,491	-	391,094
Career and technical education	85,397	-	85,397	22,860	-	22,860	-	195,353
Other instructional programs	597,397	-	597,397	152,528	-	152,528	-	1,310,511
Pupil support services	341,430	-	341,430	238,432	-	238,432	-	842,381
Instructional staff services	44,303	-	44,303	6,638	-	6,638	-	300,885
School administration	287,517	-	287,517	188,347	-	188,347	-	808,353
Operation and maintenance of plant	224,128	-	224,128	114,994	-	114,994	-	531,158
Student transportation services	7,616	-	7,616	214	-	214	-	13,084
Food service	19,267	-	19,267	17,800	-	17,800	-	48,364
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management and general:								
General administration	163,493	-	163,493	7,998	-	7,998	-	500,126
Business services	479,875	-	479,875	40,945	-	40,945	(818,899)	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	257,667
Total expenses	2,418,629	-	2,418,629	859,247	-	859,247	(818,899)	5,198,976
Change in net assets	10,163	-	10,163	666	-	666	-	(85,749)
Net assets, beginning of year	584,873	-	584,873	107,912	-	107,912	-	1,322,664
Net assets, end of year	\$ 595,036	\$ -	\$ 595,036	\$ 108,578	\$ -	\$ 108,578	\$ -	\$ 1,236,915

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COMBINING STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	CMO			West Bank		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>REVENUE:</u>						
State and local public school funding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,497,613	\$ -	\$ 1,497,613
Federal grants	-	-	-	231,824	-	231,824
Other state funds	-	-	-	56,745	-	56,745
Contributions	5,010	-	5,010	15,000	-	15,000
Other income	716,802	-	716,802	172,491	-	172,491
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	<u>721,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>721,812</u>	<u>1,973,673</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,973,673</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>						
Program services:						
Special education program	79,457	-	79,457	91,230	-	91,230
Career and technical education	655	-	655	83,788	-	83,788
Other instructional programs	9,863	-	9,863	520,949	-	520,949
Pupil support services	706	-	706	166,021	-	166,021
Instructional staff services	141,857	-	141,857	9,895	-	9,895
School administration	38,512	-	38,512	309,674	-	309,674
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,004	-	1,004	167,953	-	167,953
Student transportation services	-	-	-	6,584	-	6,584
Food service	3,706	-	3,706	15,232	-	15,232
Depreciation	-	-	-	5,410	-	5,410
Management and general:						
General administration	249,515	-	249,515	70,069	-	70,069
Business services	-	-	-	308,180	-	308,180
Central services	196,537	-	196,537	-	-	-
Total expenses	<u>721,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>721,812</u>	<u>1,754,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,754,985</u>
Change in net assets	-	-	-	218,688	-	218,688
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>154,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,100</u>	<u>257,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,091</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 154,100</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 154,100</u>	<u>\$ 475,779</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 475,779</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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COMBINING STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	East Bank			Lafayette			Interfund Eliminations	2023 Combined Totals
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total		
REVENUE:								
State and local public school funding	\$ 1,753,338	\$ -	\$ 1,753,338	\$ 716,971	\$ -	\$ 716,971	\$ -	\$ 3,967,922
Federal grants	487,283	-	487,283	239,169	-	239,169	-	958,276
Other state funds	50,125	-	50,125	-	-	-	-	106,870
Contributions	750	-	750	120	-	120	-	20,880
Other income	47,685	-	47,685	165	-	165	(716,697)	220,446
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	2,339,181	-	2,339,181	956,425	-	956,425	(716,697)	5,274,394
EXPENSES:								
Program services:								
Special education program	177,472	-	177,472	77,251	-	77,251	-	425,410
Career and technical education	73,663	-	73,663	6,456	-	6,456	-	164,562
Other instructional programs	504,240	-	504,240	239,750	-	239,750	-	1,274,802
Pupil support services	353,991	-	353,991	222,240	-	222,240	-	742,958
Instructional staff services	41,564	-	41,564	3,157	-	3,157	-	196,473
School administration	279,921	-	279,921	189,048	-	189,048	-	817,155
Operation and maintenance of plant	252,004	-	252,004	115,139	-	115,139	-	536,100
Student transportation services	10,408	-	10,408	4,219	-	4,219	-	21,211
Food service	21,018	-	21,018	19,733	-	19,733	-	59,689
Depreciation	5,019	-	5,019	586	-	586	-	11,015
Management and general:								
General administration	37,440	-	37,440	15,998	-	15,998	-	373,022
Business services	372,682	-	372,682	35,835	-	35,835	(716,697)	-
Central services	28,789	-	28,789	12,145	-	12,145	-	237,471
Total expenses	2,158,211	-	2,158,211	941,557	-	941,557	(716,697)	4,859,868
Change in net assets	180,970	-	180,970	14,868	-	14,868	-	414,526
Net assets, beginning of year	403,903	-	403,903	93,044	-	93,044	-	908,138
Net assets, end of year	\$ 584,873	\$ -	\$ 584,873	\$ 107,912	\$ -	\$ 107,912	\$ -	\$ 1,322,664

See accompanying NOTES TO COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	CMO			West Bank		
	Program Services	Support Services	Total	Program Services	Support Services	Total
Salaries	\$ 182,803	\$ 237,424	\$ 420,227	\$ 927,269	\$ 34,074	\$ 961,343
Social security	11,360	14,258	25,618	55,918	1,269	57,187
Medicare	2,656	3,336	5,992	13,078	297	13,375
Unemployment	454	118	572	1,199	59	1,258
Retirement	14,882	19,011	33,893	45,636	-	45,636
Other benefits	27,770	15,493	43,263	104,156	-	104,156
Other professional services	12,594	155,594	168,188	49,660	1,562	51,222
Advertising	4,715	17,920	22,635	-	-	-
Travel	9,354	5,870	15,224	5,170	8,078	13,248
Supplies	11,711	6,592	18,303	68,744	284	69,028
Utilities	-	-	-	98	-	98
Rent	-	-	-	91,273	-	91,273
Insurance	38,127	32,760	70,887	296	-	296
Communication	9,722	7,040	16,762	97,052	1,370	98,422
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	39,509	-	39,509
Transportation	-	-	-	5,771	-	5,771
Food service management	-	-	-	2,969	-	2,969
Depreciation expense	-	-	-	5,410	-	5,410
Other	11,139	193	11,332	5,123	23,700	28,823
	<u>11,139</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>11,332</u>	<u>5,123</u>	<u>23,700</u>	<u>28,823</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 337,287</u>	<u>\$ 515,609</u>	<u>\$ 852,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,518,331</u>	<u>\$ 70,693</u>	<u>\$ 1,589,024</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	East Bank			Lafayette			2024		
	Program Services	Support Services	Total	Program Services	Support Services	Total	Program Services	Support Services	Total
Salaries	\$ 1,094,962	\$ 116,338	\$ 1,211,300	\$ 416,608	\$ -	\$ 416,608	\$ 2,621,642	\$ 387,837	\$ 3,009,479
Social security	65,752	6,555	72,307	24,093	-	24,093	157,123	22,082	179,205
Medicare	15,379	1,531	16,910	5,647	-	5,647	36,760	5,164	41,924
Unemployment	1,527	205	1,732	406	-	406	3,586	382	3,968
Retirement	57,071	6,796	63,867	24,541	-	24,541	142,130	25,807	167,937
Other benefits	89,437	12,715	102,152	48,362	-	48,362	269,725	28,208	297,933
Other professional services	40,762	1,953	42,715	92,971	1,441	94,412	195,987	160,550	356,537
Advertising	-	-	-	56	-	56	4,771	17,920	22,691
Travel	7,430	9,698	17,128	4,353	3,649	8,002	26,307	27,295	53,602
Supplies	47,764	321	48,085	12,837	-	12,837	141,056	7,197	148,253
Utilities	29,597	-	29,597	5,469	-	5,469	35,164	-	35,164
Rent	117,316	-	117,316	61,771	-	61,771	270,360	-	270,360
Insurance	-	-	-	24,246	-	24,246	62,669	32,760	95,429
Communication	107,572	2,998	110,570	45,842	1,200	47,042	260,188	12,608	272,796
Repairs and maintenance	61,845	-	61,845	18,810	-	18,810	120,164	-	120,164
Transportation	7,524	-	7,524	214	-	214	13,509	-	13,509
Food service management	11,646	-	11,646	14,441	-	14,441	29,056	-	29,056
Depreciation expense	11,109	-	11,109	501	-	501	17,020	-	17,020
Other	8,568	4,382	12,950	9,136	1,708	10,844	33,966	29,983	63,949
Total expenses	\$ 1,775,261	\$ 163,492	\$ 1,938,753	\$ 810,304	\$ 7,998	\$ 818,302	\$ 4,441,183	\$ 757,793	\$ 5,198,976

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	CMO			West Bank		
	Program Services	Support Services	Total	Program Services	Support Services	Total
Salaries	\$ 189,139	\$ 210,897	\$ 400,036	\$ 815,390	\$ 27,773	\$ 843,163
Social security	14,121	12,740	26,861	51,572	-	51,572
Medicare	3,303	2,980	6,283	12,059	-	12,059
Unemployment	174	116	290	1,287	-	1,287
Retirement	19,559	16,872	36,431	46,929	-	46,929
Other benefits	23,869	14,314	38,183	70,021	-	70,021
Other professional services	3,549	102,991	106,540	35,235	10,980	46,215
Advertising	5,810	34,455	40,265	-	-	-
Travel	3,192	55	3,247	6,149	1,718	7,867
Supplies	7,437	2,203	9,640	67,492	-	67,492
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	-	-	-	90,960	-	90,960
Insurance	-	41,838	41,838	8,376	-	8,376
Communication	1,400	6,286	7,686	94,718	1,200	95,918
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	52,247	-	52,247
Transportation	-	-	-	8,714	-	8,714
Food service management	2,560	-	2,560	6,950	20	6,970
Depreciation expense	-	-	-	5,410	-	5,410
Other	1,647	305	1,952	3,227	28,378	31,605
	<u>\$ 275,760</u>	<u>\$ 446,052</u>	<u>\$ 721,812</u>	<u>\$ 1,376,736</u>	<u>\$ 70,069</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,805</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 275,760</u>	<u>\$ 446,052</u>	<u>\$ 721,812</u>	<u>\$ 1,376,736</u>	<u>\$ 70,069</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,805</u>

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JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	East Bank			Lafayette			2023		
	Program Services	Support Services	Total	Program Services	Support Services	Total	Program Services	Support Services	Total
Salaries	\$ 1,023,138	\$ 21,986	\$ 1,045,124	\$ 465,378	\$ -	\$ 465,378	\$ 2,493,045	\$ 260,656	\$ 2,753,701
Social security	58,715	-	58,715	27,289	-	27,289	151,697	12,740	164,437
Medicare	13,891	-	13,891	6,383	-	6,383	35,636	2,980	38,616
Unemployment	1,887	-	1,887	549	-	549	3,897	116	4,013
Retirement	50,459	-	50,459	24,933	-	24,933	141,880	16,872	158,752
Other benefits	82,673	-	82,673	51,457	-	51,457	228,020	14,314	242,334
Other professional services	46,016	37,698	83,714	89,417	12,231	101,648	174,217	163,900	338,117
Advertising	-	-	-	215	-	215	6,025	34,455	40,480
Travel	8,832	1,108	9,940	7,603	3,863	11,466	25,776	6,744	32,520
Supplies	54,319	141	54,460	19,888	-	19,888	149,136	2,344	151,480
Utilities	37,356	-	37,356	5,669	-	5,669	43,025	-	43,025
Rent	142,177	-	142,177	63,102	181	63,283	296,239	181	296,420
Insurance	7,478	-	7,478	22,505	-	22,505	38,359	41,838	80,197
Communication	106,234	1,200	107,434	40,415	6,612	47,027	242,767	15,298	258,065
Repairs and maintenance	55,397	-	55,397	20,299	-	20,299	127,943	-	127,943
Transportation	10,408	-	10,408	4,219	-	4,219	23,341	-	23,341
Food service management	10,355	-	10,355	13,406	-	13,406	33,271	20	33,291
Depreciation expense	5,019	-	5,019	586	-	586	11,015	-	11,015
Other	4,946	4,096	9,042	14,266	5,256	19,522	24,086	38,035	62,121
Total expenses	\$ 1,719,300	\$ 66,229	\$ 1,785,529	\$ 877,579	\$ 28,143	\$ 905,722	\$ 4,249,375	\$ 610,493	\$ 4,859,868

See accompanying NOTES TO COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>CMO</u>	<u>West Bank</u>	<u>East Bank</u>	<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>Interfund Eliminations</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>						
Change in net assets	\$ -	\$ (96,578)	\$ 10,163	\$ 666	\$ -	\$ (85,749)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash and cash equivalents from (used for) operating activities:						
Depreciation expense	-	5,410	11,109	501	-	17,020
(Increase) decrease in:						
Grants receivable	463	(8,547)	87,163	59,868	-	138,947
Prepaid expenses	(579)	(4,062)	14,977	4,385	-	14,721
Increase (decrease) in:						
Accounts payable	10,894	17,307	14,757	1,581	-	44,539
Accrued expenses	38,290	(12,329)	(14,508)	9,843	-	21,296
Net cash from (used for) operating activities	<u>49,068</u>	<u>(98,799)</u>	<u>123,661</u>	<u>76,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150,774</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u>						
Capital expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash (used for) investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	49,068	(98,799)	123,661	76,844	-	150,774
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>156,499</u>	<u>361,399</u>	<u>435,672</u>	<u>40,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>994,231</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 205,567</u>	<u>\$ 262,600</u>	<u>\$ 559,333</u>	<u>\$ 117,505</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,145,005</u>

JCFA
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	<u>CMO</u>	<u>West Bank</u>	<u>East Bank</u>	<u>Lafayette</u>	<u>Interfund Eliminations</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u>						
Change in net assets	\$ -	\$ 218,688	\$ 180,970	\$ 14,868	\$ -	\$ 414,526
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash and cash equivalents from (used for) operating activities:						
Depreciation expense	-	5,410	5,019	586	-	11,015
(Increase) decrease in:						
Grants receivable	(3,000)	69,512	(53,820)	15,694	-	28,386
Prepaid expenses	2,264	(3,349)	(17,300)	(3,786)	-	(22,171)
Increase (decrease) in:						
Accounts payable	(1,288)	(4,623)	(2,074)	(2,266)	-	(10,251)
Accrued expenses	39	15,567	19,926	(13,675)	-	21,857
Net cash from (used for) operating activities	<u>(1,985)</u>	<u>301,205</u>	<u>132,721</u>	<u>11,421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>443,362</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</u>						
Capital expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,601)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,601)</u>
Net cash (used for) investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,601)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(40,601)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,985)	301,205	92,120	11,421	-	402,761
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>158,484</u>	<u>60,194</u>	<u>343,552</u>	<u>29,240</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>591,470</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 156,499</u>	<u>\$ 361,399</u>	<u>\$ 435,672</u>	<u>\$ 40,661</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 994,231</u>

See accompanying NOTES TO COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JCFA
NOTES TO COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

JCFA (the School) was created as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Louisiana on January 27, 2010. The School applied to and received approval from the Jefferson Parish School Board to operate a Type I charter school commencing July 1, 2010. The current charter was renewed on July 1, 2020 for an additional three years expiring June 30, 2026. On October 19, 2011, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved JCFA as an alternative school. The School is required to renew their status as an alternative school annually. In December 2012, JCFA applied to and received approval from BESE to operate a Type II charter school at a second location in Jefferson Parish, referred to as the East Bank Campus, commencing July 1, 2013. The current contract was renewed on July 1, 2021 for an additional three years expiring June 20, 2024. In June 2017, JCFA applied to and received approval from BESE to operate a Type II charter school in Lafayette, Louisiana commencing July 1, 2017. The current contract was renewed on July 1, 2022 for an additional four years expiring June 30, 2026.

Basis of Accounting and Financial Reporting Framework

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

Basis of Presentation

The financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the 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:

Net assets without donor restrictions: 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.

Net assets with donor restrictions: 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, where by the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity. The School had no assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

JCFA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL COMBINING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

(1) **NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the combining statement of cash flows, the School considers all unrestricted cash and other highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Receivables

Grants, notes, and other receivables are stated at the amount the School 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. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the combining financial statements do not include an estimate for an allowance for doubtful accounts since the School believes all receivables are collectable.

Property and Equipment and Depreciation

Property and equipment are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if historical cost is not available. Betterments that naturally add to the value of related assets or materially extend the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Normal building maintenance and minor equipment purchases are included as expenses of the School. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method with useful lives of two to five years. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$17,020 and \$11,015, respectively

All assets acquired with the Louisiana Department of Education funds are owned by the School while used in the purpose for which they were acquired. The Louisiana Department of Education, however, has a reversionary interest in these assets. Should the charter not be renewed, any assets purchased with those funds will revert back to the State of Louisiana.

JCFA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL COMBINING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition

The School's primary sources of funding are through the State of Louisiana Minimum Foundation Program Funding and federal grants, as well as private donations. 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 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 combining statement of activities.

Functional Expenses

The cost of program and supporting services has been summarized on a functional basis in the combined 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.

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, 2024 and 2023, 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, 2021 and later remain subject to examination by the taxing authorities.

JCFA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL COMBINING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Leases

The School applies judgment in determining whether a contract contains a lease and whether a lease is classified as an operating lease or a finance lease. The School determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, which may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the School will exercise that option. The lease term is used in determining classification between operating lease and finance lease, calculating the lease liability and determining the incremental borrowing rate.

The School's lease contracts may include extension and termination options. The School applies judgment in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the option to renew or terminate the lease. That is, it considers all relevant factors that create an economic incentive for it to exercise either the renewal or termination. After the commencement date of the lease, the School reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control and affects its ability to exercise or not to exercise the option to renew or to terminate (e.g., construction of significant leasehold improvements or significant customization to the leased asset).

The School is required to discount lease payments using the rate implicit in the lease if that rate is readily available. If that rate cannot be readily determined, the lessee is required to use its incremental borrowing rate. The School generally uses the incremental borrowing rate when initially recording real estate leases. Information from the lessor regarding the initial direct costs incurred by the lessor related to the leased assets is not available.

The School determines the incremental borrowing rate of each lease by estimating the credit rating of the School at the time the lease is recognized, referencing market yields corresponding to the credit rating and weighted average life of the lease, and factoring in other lease-specific factors such as assumed collateral.

New Accounting Pronouncement – Adopted

JCFA has adopted the Current Expected Credit Losses (CECL) accounting standard, as per Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-13, "*Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326)*." The standard introduces a new model for estimating credit losses on financial instruments. After a thorough evaluation, management has determined that the impact of adopting the CECL standard on the financial statements is immaterial. JCFA has considered factors such as historical loss experience, current economic conditions, and other relevant factors in its credit loss estimation process. As a result, the adoption of the CECL standard has not had a material impact on JCFA's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

JCFA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL COMBINING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

(1) NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Date of Management Review

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 30, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the School’s financial assets as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general expenditures consisting of the following:

	2024	2023
Cash	\$ 1,145,005	\$ 994,231
Grants receivable	257,514	396,461
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	\$ 1,402,519	\$ 1,390,692

As part of the School’s liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

(3) GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 consist of the following:

	2024	2023
Due from federal government	\$ 257,514	\$ 396,461

(4) RETIREMENT PLAN

The School provides a 401(k) plan for all regular full-time employees. An employee becomes eligible to participate in the plan on the first day of the month following the date of hire. Contributions to the plan are made by way of pre-tax salary deferrals and are made at the sole discretion of the employee up to the maximum amount allowed by federal law. The School will make a matching contribution equal to two times the amount of the employee contribution up to a maximum of 8%, and all employees are immediately vested. For the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School recorded retirement contributions in the amount of \$167,937 and \$158,752, respectively.

JCFA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL COMBINING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

(5) CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

The School maintains its cash balances in a financial institution. The cash balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. At fiscal year end June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were uninsured deposits in the amount of \$895,276 and \$744,133, respectively.

Approximately 99% and 93% of the School's revenue was received from federal and state grantors for the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

(6) LEASE COMMITMENTS

The School initially entered into a commercial lease agreement to lease certain land, building, facilities and improvements at 1501 Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Lafayette, Louisiana in May 2017. In 2023 and subsequent years, the School has extended the lease annually for one year for a rental rate of \$5,000 a month. The School entered into an agreement effective as of May 1, 2024, to renew this year for the fiscal year 2025 at a rate of \$5,000 per month.

The School initially entered into a commercial lease agreement for Building A at 475 Manhattan Boulevard, Gretna, Louisiana, in 2021. On April 19, 2023 the School extended the terms of the operating lease expiring June 30, 2024, for an annual rate of \$87,000. On May 21, 2024, the lease was renewed for five years at an annual rate of \$93,000 for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

The School initially entered into a commercial lease agreement to lease buildings at 3410 Jefferson Highway, Jefferson, Louisiana in July 2015 and was renewed for an additional three years in July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2024 for the monthly rental rate of \$8,333 for the 1st year and \$9,167 for the remaining two years thereafter. In June 2024, it was extended from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2027. The monthly rate for the first two years is \$10,817 and the last year's monthly rate is \$12,890.

The following summarizes the weighted average remaining lease term and discount rate for the operating leases as of June 30th:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term (years)	4.24	1.00
Weighted Average Discount Rate	4.49%	2.84%

The following summarizes cash flow information related to the operating leases for the years ended June 30th:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash paid for amounts in lease liabilities	\$ 170,000	\$ 170,000
Lease assets obtained in exchange for		
Operating lease obligations	1,008,260	330,926

JCFA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL COMBINING STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

(6) LEASE COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The maturity analysis of operating lease liabilities are as follows:

2025		\$ 294,800
2026		294,800
2027		320,760
2028		93,000
2029		93,000
Thereafter		-
Less: imputed interest		<u>(88,100)</u>
 Total		 <u>\$ 1,008,260</u>

(7) 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, 2024 and 2023 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 combining 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.

(8) ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The School receives the majority of its revenue from the State of Louisiana. Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$3,929,301 and \$3,967,922, respectively. Funding from various federal grants passed through the State of Louisiana for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$831,060 and \$958,276, 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 2025 relating to its grant awards.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JCFA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Millie Harris, Executive Director
Time served	07/01/23 through 06/30/24
Salary	\$ 122,109
Benefits - insurance	7,378
Benefits - retirement	9,769
Reimbursements	6,858
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	\$ 146,114

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

**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 Governance of
JCFA
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 combining financial statements of JCFA (a non-profit corporation), which comprise the combining statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related combining statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combining financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the combining financial statements, we considered JCFA'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 combining financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of JCFA's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the JCFA'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.



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To the Board of Governance of
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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

October 30, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

Erickson Krentel, LLP
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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 Governance of
JCFA
New Orleans, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited JCFA'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 JCFA's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. JCFA's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, JCFA 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, 2024.

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 JCFA 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 JCFA'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 JCFA's federal programs.



To the Board of Directors
JCFA
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 JCFA'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 JCFA'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 JCFA'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 JCFA'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 JCFA'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
JCFA
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, 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 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 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.

October 30, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

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JCFA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal AL Number	Federal Disbursements/ Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
<i>Pass-through program from Louisiana Department of Education</i>		
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	\$ 175,632
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):		
Special Education - Grants to States	84.027	94,803
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	12,021
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	22,483
Education Stabilization Fund		
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	178,045
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	346,575
Total Education Stabilization Fund		<u>524,620</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education		<u>829,559</u>
Total expenditures of federal awards		<u>\$ 829,559</u>

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

JCFA
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

(1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal grant activity of JCFA under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. 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 JCFA, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of JCFA.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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, 2024.

(3) INDIRECT COST RATE

JCFA has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

JCFA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' REPORTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of JCFA.
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. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of JCFA were 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 JCFA 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. JCFA was determined to be a low-risk auditee.
10. A management letter was not issued for the year ended June 30, 2024.

II. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

There were no findings related to the combining financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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, 2024.

JCFA
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

**I. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL
TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

There were no findings related to the internal control and compliance material to the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**II. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL
TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS**

There were no findings related to the internal control and compliance material to the federal awards for the year ended June 30, 2023.

III. MANAGEMENT LETTER

There were no management letter items for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**SCHEDULES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW
(PERFORMANCE STATISTICAL DATA)**



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Governance of
JCFA
New Orleans, Louisiana

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

JCFA 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:

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (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 procedures.



To the Board of Governance of
JCFA

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 procedures.

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 properly classified on the PEP data or equivalent listing prepared by management.

Exceptions: One employees' education level did not agree between the PEP report and the personnel file and one employees' years of experience did not agree between the PEP report and the personnel file.

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 procedures.



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To the Board of Governance of
JCFA

We were engaged by JCFA 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.

We are required to be independent of JCFA 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 JCFA, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514.I, and for the information and use of JCFA, 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.

October 30, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana

Certified Public Accountants

JCFA
GENERAL FUND INSTRUCTIONAL AND SUPPORT EXPENDITURES AND
CERTAIN LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

GENERAL FUND INSTRUCTIONAL AND EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES

	Column A	Column B
General Fund Instructional Expenditures:		
Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:		
Classroom teacher salaries	\$ 584,478	
Other instructional staff salaries	215,486	
Instructional staff employee benefits	218,050	
Purchased professional and technical services	275,568	
Instructional materials and supplies	34,588	
Instructional equipment	-	
Total teacher and students interaction activities		\$ 1,328,170
Other instructional activities		-
Pupil support services	538,226	
Less: Equipment for pupil support services	-	
Net pupil support services		538,226
Instructional staff services	336,168	
Less: Equipment for instructional staff services	-	
Net instructional staff services		336,168
School administration	973,987	
Less: equipment for school administration	-	
Net school administration		973,987
Total general fund instructional expenditures (total of column B)		\$ 3,176,551
Total General fund equipment expenditures		\$ -
<u>CERTAIN LOCAL REVENUE SOURCES</u>		
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		\$ -

(See Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures)

JCFA
CLASS SIZE CHARACTERISTICS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2023

	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	100%	42	-	-	-	-	-	-
High Activity Classes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Combination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.



October 30, 2024

Louisiana Legislative Auditor

JCFA respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for items identified pursuant to the Statewide Agreed-Up 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, 2023 – June 30, 2024

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

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

Exceptions: One employees' education level did not agree between the PEP report and the personnel file and one employees' years of experience did not agree between the PEP report and the personnel file.

Management's Response to Exceptions: 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 Millie Harris at (504) 410-3121.

Sincerely,



Signature

Executive Director, JCFA

Title

LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
JCFA
HARVEY, LOUISIANA
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Governance of
JCFA

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 year ended June 30, 2024. JCFA's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

JCFA 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 year ended June 30, 2024. 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 JCFA 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 JCFA 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.

October 30, 2024
New Orleans, Louisiana


Certified Public Accountants

JCFA
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. 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 rates 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. ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - h. ***Credit Cards*** (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).
 - i. ***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.

JCFA
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (COUNTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

- 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.
- l. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

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

BOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2. 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. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, 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.
 - d. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

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

JCFA
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES (COUNTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

BANK RECONCILIATIONS

3. 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 written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or 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.

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

COLLECTIONS (EXCLUDING ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS)

4. 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. 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 (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then 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 also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;
 - c. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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; and

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- d. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or custodial fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
6. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3 (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). Alternatively, 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 that 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.

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

NON-PAYROLL DISBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD PURCHASES, TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS, AND PETTY CASH PURCHASES)

8. 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. For each location selected under procedure #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, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that

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- a. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - b. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - c. 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;
 - d. 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; and
 - e. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
10. For each location selected under procedure #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 whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - b. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #9 above, as applicable.
11. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

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

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CREDIT CARDS/DEBIT CARDS/FUEL CARDS/PURCHASE CARDS (CARDS)

12. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase 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.
13. 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 (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - b. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #13 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 (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection) For each transaction, observe that 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

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

TRAVEL AND TRAVEL-RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS (EXCLUDING CARD TRANSACTIONS)

15. 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 and 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

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- a. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that 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 Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
- d. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

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

CONTRACTS

16. 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. Alternatively, 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 whether 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 whether 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 amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - 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.

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

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PAYROLL AND PERSONNEL

17. 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.
18. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #17 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 whether 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, and
 - d. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
19. 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 and 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 employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
20. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

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

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ETHICS

21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17 obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - a. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170, and
 - b. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
22. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

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

DEBT SERVICE

23. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
24. 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).

Results: Not applicable as the Organization did not issue debt during the fiscal year nor has outstanding debt at the end of the fiscal year.

FRAUD NOTICE

25. 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 as required by R.S. 24:523.
26. 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.

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DISASTER RECOVERY/BUSINESS CONTINUITY

27. Perform the following procedures:

- a. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
- b. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then 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.

28. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #19. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training, and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

Results: We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

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PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

30. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #17, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
31. 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).
32. 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 the report 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.

Results: As a charter school, JCFA is not subject to sexual harassment training.