# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA

Annual Financial Statements

June 30, 2024



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# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors Delhi Charter School Delhi, Louisiana

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Delhi Charter School (the School), which comprise the statement of financial position as of **June 30**, **2024**, the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of board of directors and the schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 A(3), are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) 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 financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 23, 2024 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A Professional Accounting Corporation

Baton Rouge, LA October 23, 2024

# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2024

Assets		
Current Assets	•	
Cash	\$	2,660,867
Certificates of Deposit		1,500,000
Receivables		111,978
Prepaid Expenses		86,576
Total Current Assets		4,359,421
Property, Plant, and Equipment		
Land		93,000
Land Improvements		1,260,172
Software		44,800
Computer Equipment		214,646
Buses		1,201,329
Furniture and Equipment		1,731,459
Buildings and Improvements		8,667,134
Total at Cost		13,212,540
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(8,020,809)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment		5,191,731
Total Assets	\$	9,551,152
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	32,938
Accrued Expenses		1,017,605
Total Current Liabilities		1,050,543
Total Liabilities		1,050,543
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	_	8,500,609
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	¢	0 551 150
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# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	
Support and Revenue		
State Public School Funding	\$ 7,427,517	
Federal Sources	1,693,750	
Student Activity Income	476,686	
Other State Funding	23,425	
Other Income	32,690	
Interest Income	72,645	
Total Support and Revenue	9,726,713	
Expenses		
Program Services	8,403,912	
Management and General	1,443,759	
Total Expenses	9,847,671	
Change in Net Assets	(120,958)	
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	8,621,567	
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 8,500,609	

# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Education Programs Program Services	Supporting Services Management and General	Total
Salaries	\$ 3,684,367	\$ 884,030	\$ 4,568,397
Employee Benefits	1,274,222	265,121	1,539,343
Purchased Services	565,464	69,274	634,738
Food Services	624,492	-	624,492
Depreciation	565,115	-	565,115
Student Transportation	541,152	-	541,152
Student Activities	457,536	-	457,536
Supplies, Materials, and Textbooks	264,842	44,326	309,168
Utilities	202,409	-	202,409
Insurance	112,881	22,551	135,432
Phone, Internet, and Postage	-	101,487	101,487
Repairs	45,312	27,635	72,947
Dues and Miscellaneous	30,639	16,715	47,354
Tuition Reimbursement	17,100	-	17,100
Travel	4,942	5,859	10,801
Equipment	7,386	-	7,386
Advertising	-	6,761	6,761
Property Services	6,053	-	6,053
Total	\$ 8,403,912	\$ 1,443,759	\$ 9,847,671

Cash Flows from Operating Activities Change in Net Assets Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (120,958)
Depreciation	624,492
(Increase) Decrease in:	021,102
Receivables	144,012
Prepaid Expenses	(5,005)
Increase (Decrease) in:	
Accounts Payable	2,628
Accrued Expenses	 (27,716)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	 617,453
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Cash Transferred into Certificates of Deposit	(1,500,000)
Purchase of Property, Plant, and Equipment	 (487,428)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	 (1,987,428)
Net Decrease in Cash	(1,369,975)
Cash, Beginning of Year	 4,030,842
Cash, End of Year	\$ 2,660,867

#### DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA

# **Notes to Financial Statements**

# Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Organization

Delhi Charter School (the School) was created as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Louisiana on January 8, 2001. The School entered into a Charter School Contract with the Louisiana State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) beginning July 1, 2001, whereby the School would operate a Type 2 charter school as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3971, et. seq. The School serves eligible students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, primarily in the Parish of Richland.

A summary of the School's significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows.

#### Basis of Presentation

The financial statements are presented in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. The School is required to record unconditional promises to give (pledges) as receivables and revenues and to distinguish between contributions received for each net asset category in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions. Under FASB ASC 958, 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 available for general use and not subject to donor restrictions. This category also includes board-designated net assets.

*Nets Assets With Donor Restrictions* - Net assets representing contributed funds subject to specific donor-imposed restrictions contingent upon a specific purpose or a specific passage of time.

In addition, the School is required to present a statement of cash flows.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported on the financial statements. The financial statements of the School are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

#### **Use of Estimates**

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

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# Cash

During the year, cash may consist of both unrestricted and restricted balances. Unrestricted cash balances represent cash available for general operating purposes. Restricted cash balances consist of amounts credited to the School's bank accounts from donations received from individuals or entities who specified the use of the contribution. At June 30, 2024, there were no restricted cash balances.

#### **Statement of Cash Flows**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the School considers all investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At June 30, 2024, the School had no cash equivalents.

#### Accounts Receivable

It is the School's policy to charge off uncollectible accounts receivable when management determines the receivable will not be collected. Management believes use of this method does not result in a material difference from the valuation method required by U.S. GAAP.

As of July 1, 2023, in accordance with the new credit loss standard (see *Recent Accounting Pronouncements - Adopted*) management determines the necessity and amount of allowance for credit losses for trade receivables based on historical experience, current economic conditions, and certain forward-looking information. Account balances are written-off against the established allowance when management determines it is probable the receivable will not be collected. As of June 30, 2024, management's analysis determined potential credit losses were trivial and, as such, have recorded no allowance for credit losses for trade receivables.

#### Property, Plant, and Equipment and Depreciation

Property, plant, 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 expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$565,115.

Depreciation of property, plant, and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The following are the estimated useful lives of the property, plant, and equipment of the School:

	Useful Lives	
Land Improvements	10 Years	
Buildings and Improvements	10 - 40 Years	
Furniture and Equipment	5 - 15 Years	
Computer Equipment	3 Years	
Buses	5 - 10 Years	
Software	5 Years	

# Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Income Taxes

The School is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the School's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America provide accounting and disclosure guidance about positions taken by an entity in its tax returns that might be uncertain. The School believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and management has determined that there are no uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements.

Penalties and interest assessed by income taxing authorities, if any, would be included in income tax expense.

#### **Compensated Absences**

The Board of Directors of the School grants all contracted employees of the School a total of 10 days of sick pay per year, provided, however, that the employee is contracted for a full year. Sick leave may be accumulated from year-to-year, not to exceed 90 days. Upon retirement and/or death, an employee will be paid any unused sick pay not to exceed 25 days. At June 30, 2024, the School had accrued compensated absences of \$397,282, which is included in accrued expenses on the accompanying statement of financial position.

#### **Concentrations of Risk**

The School received 76% of its revenues for the year ended June 30, 2024 from the State of Louisiana, subject to its charter agreement with BESE.

The students of the School live within parishes in northern Louisiana, including East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, and West Carroll.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School's deposits may not be recovered. The School periodically maintains cash in one financial institution located in northern Louisiana in excess of insured limits. The School has not experienced any losses and does not believe that significant credit risk exists as a result of this practice.

#### **Revenues and Support**

#### State Public School Funding

The School's primary source of funding is through the State Public School Fund. The School receives funding per eligible student in attendance on October 1<sup>st</sup>, payable in monthly installments. The October 1<sup>st</sup> student count is audited by the Louisiana Department of Education. Adjustments are made in the following year.

#### Federal and State Grants

Federal and state grants are on a cost reimbursement basis. An accrual is made when eligible expenses are incurred.

# Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# **Revenues and Support (Continued)**

#### Private Grants and Contributions

Private grants and contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give that is, in substance, unconditional. The School will not recognize a conditional promise to give until the conditions on which the promise depends are substantially met. Contributions are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. When restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions. Contributions expected in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions expected to be collected in less than one year are reported at net realizable value. Those expected to be collected in more than one year are recorded at fair value at the date of the promise and are discounted at an appropriate discount rate. Future amortization of the discount will be included in contribution revenue. Management closely monitors outstanding balances and writes off any balances deemed uncollectible.

#### Other Income

Revenue from other sources, including student activities and meals, is recorded and recognized as revenue in the period in which the School provides the service at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the School expects to be entitled for providing the service or good.

#### Contracts vs. Contributions

The School utilizes the guidance in FASB Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-08 in the assessment of whether a revenue is an exchange transaction (contract) or contribution (non-contract) and considers factors including commensurate value received, reciprocity, and donor-imposed conditions. Performance obligations are determined based on the nature of the services provided by the School. Revenue from performance obligations satisfied over time is recognized based on actual time incurred in relation to the total expected period of providing the service, which is deemed to be the school year, which is simultaneous with the fiscal year. The School believes that this method provides a faithful depiction of the transfer of services over the term of the performance obligation based on the inputs needed to satisfy the obligation. Generally, there are no significant performance obligations satisfied over time. The School measures the performance obligation throughout the school year. Revenue for performance obligations satisfied at a point in time, which includes most student activities and income from meals, is recognized when services are provided. The School determines the transaction price based on standard charges for goods or services provided to students, which are predetermined by management. Fees are generally nonrefundable, and total refunds issued annually are considered negligible.

#### DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA

# **Notes to Financial Statements**

# Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Reversionary Interest in Funds and Assets**

All funds received from the Louisiana Department of Education, United States Department of Education, or other state or federal agency are funds earned by the School to be used for the purpose for which they were acquired. These agencies, however, have a reversionary interest in these funds, as well as any assets acquired with these funds. Should the charter agreement not be renewed, those funds and assets will transfer to the appropriate agency.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements - Adopted**

As of July 1, 2023, the School adopted ASU 2016-13, *Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, and all subsequently issued related amendments, which changed the methodology used to recognize impairment of the School's contract receivables. Under this ASU, financial assets are presented at the net amount expected to be collected, requiring immediate recognition of estimated credit losses expected to occur over the asset's remaining life. This is in contrast to previous U.S. GAAP, under which credit losses were not recognized until it was probable that a loss had been incurred. The School performed its expected credit loss calculation based on historical contract receivable write-offs, including consideration of then-existing economic conditions and expected future conditions. The implementation of ASC 326 did not result in a significant impact to the financial statements.

# Functional Expenses

The cost of providing the School's various programs and supporting services has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Expenses are first allocated by direct identification, and then allocated if an expenditure benefits more than one program or function. As of June 30, 2024, all expenses were allocated by direct identification and not allocated.

#### Liquidity and Availability

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

# Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

# Liquidity and Availability (Continued)

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

Cash	\$ 2,660,867
Certificates of Deposit	1,500,000
Grants Receivable	 111,978
Total	\$ 4,272,845

# Note 2. Cash and Short Term Investments

The School's cash (book balances) at June 30, 2024 was \$2,660,867, which is stated at cost and approximates market. The School also held \$1,500,000 in certificates of deposit, which is stated at cost. The certificates of deposit have original maturities ranging from 6 to 12 months.

#### Note 3. Receivables

As of June 30, 2024, grants receivable consisted of amounts due from the following sources:

Grants	Amount	
ESSER III	\$ 13,500	
Title I	71,034	
IDEA	9,155	
Title II	3,409	
Total	<u>\$ 97,098</u>	

All amounts listed above are considered fully collectible. In addition to grants receivable, the School had interest receivable of \$4,060 and other receivables of \$10,820 which are included with the grants receivable in receivables on the Statement of Financial Position.

#### Note 4. Accrued Expenses

The breakdown of accrued expenses as of June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Accrued Salaries	\$ 576,748
Accrued Compensated Absences	397,282
Accrued Employee Benefits and Payroll Taxes	 43,575
Total	\$ 1,017,605

## Note 5. Retirement Plans

Substantially all employees of the School are members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL) or the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS). These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Pertinent information relative to these plans follows.

#### Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL)

*Plan Description*: The TRSL provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits. Ten years of service credit is required to become vested for retirement benefits, and five years to become vested for disability and survivor benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. The TRSL issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the TRSL. That report may be obtained by writing to the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, P.O. Box 94123, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9123. At June 30, 2024, the TRSL was 74.3% funded.

*Funding Policy*: Plan members are required to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary. The School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the employer contribution rate was 24.1%. Member contributions and employer contributions for the TRSL are established by state law, and rates are established by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee. The School's contribution to the TRSL for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$933,505.

*Plan Description*: The LSERS provides retirement benefits as well as disability and survivor benefits. Ten years of service credit is required to become vested for retirement benefits, and five years to become vested for disability and survivor benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute. The LSERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the LSERS. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System, P.O. Box 44516, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804, or by calling (225) 925-6484. At June 30, 2023, the LSERS was 78.48% funded.

# Note 5. Retirement Plans (Continued)

# Louisiana School Employees' Retirement System (LSERS)

*Funding Policy*: Plan members are required to contribute 7.5% (8.0% if enrolled on or after July 1, 2010) of their annual covered salary. The School is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the employer contribution rate was 27.60%. Member contributions and employer contributions for the LSERS are established by state law, and rates are established by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee. The School's contribution to the LSERS for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$117,878.

#### Note 6. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, October 23, 2024, and determined that no events occurred that require disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA Schedule of Board of Directors For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Board Member	Compensation	Board Member	Compensation
Mr. Mike Martin, Chairman 37 Bois D'Arc Bay L Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 282-3479	\$-0-	Mrs. Angie Franklin 1617 Highway 577 South Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 878-7070	\$-0-
Mr. Doug Craig 1019 Highway 854 Delhi, LA 71232 (478) 319-4297	\$-0-	Mrs. Jannie Nelson 127 Jamie Lane Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 878-3327	\$-0-
Mrs. Eva Santiago Dawson 2305 Highway 17 Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 878-0905	\$-0-	Mrs. Gwyn Ogden 2702 Highway 577 South Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 282-9368	\$-0-
Mr. Austyn Davis 114 Myrtle Street Rayville, LA 71269 (318) 801-8342	\$-0-	Mr. Eddie Young 498 Section Road Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 488-0261	\$-0-
Mrs. DeAnn Scurria 113 Charlie Crump Road Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 348-5450	\$-0-	Mrs. Janet Philley 114 Carol Lane Rayville, LA 71269 (318) 417-0045	\$-0-
Ms. Keawana Marshall 859 Parish Line Road Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 381-1629	\$-0-	Mr. Dusty Fallin 890 Highway 854 Delhi, LA 71232 (318) 366-4328	\$-0-

# Agency Head

Brett Raley, Headmaster

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$136,500
Benefits - Retirement	\$17,295
Benefits - Insurance	\$14,320
Contract Agreement	\$0
Car Allowance	\$0
Vehicle Provided by Government	\$0
Per Diem	\$0
Reimbursements	\$0
Travel	\$439
Registration Fees	\$0
Conference Travel	\$0
Continuing Professional Education Fees	\$0
Housing	\$0
Unvouchered Expenses	\$350
Meals	\$490



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# REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors Delhi Charter School Delhi, Louisiana

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of Delhi Charter School (the School), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 23, 2024.

# **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

# **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

A Professional Accounting Corporation

Baton Rouge, LA October 23, 2024



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# REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

# Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors Delhi Charter School Delhi, Louisiana

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Delhi Charter School's (the School) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The School'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, the School complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 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 the School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

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

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

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

# **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 that we consider to be material 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

A Professional Accounting Corporation

Baton Rouge, LA October 23, 2024

# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Number	Federal Expenditures
United States Department of Agriculture			
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Education			
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	10.555	FY 2024	\$ 418,881
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			418,881
United States Department of Education			
Passed through the Louisiana Department of Education			
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	28-24-T1-te	221,171
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA Part B)	84.027	28-24-B1-te	135,634
Title II - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	28-24-50-te	3,409
COVID-19: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency			
Relief Fund (ESSER II Formula) *	84.425D	28-21-ES2F-te	336,305
COVID-19: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency			
Relief Fund (ESSER III Formula) *	84.425U	28-21-ES3F-te	567,340
COVID-19: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency			
Relief Fund (ESSER III EB Interventions) *	84.425U	28-21-ESEB-te	11,010
Total			\$ 1,693,750

This schedule is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The School has not elected to use the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate.

\* Denotes Major Program.

# Section I. Summary of Auditor's Results

#### **Financial Statements**

1.	Ту	pe of auditor's report	Unmodified
2.	Int	ernal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters:	
	b.	Material weaknesses identified? Significant deficiencies identified? Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?	No None reported No
3.	Ма	anagement letter comment provided?	None
Fe	dera	al Awards	
4.	Int	ernal control over major programs:	
	a. b.	Material weaknesses identified? Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?	No None reported
5.	Ту	pe of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs	Unmodified
6.		y audit findings that are required to be reported accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?	No
7.	lde	entification of major programs:	
		84.425 - COVID-19: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	
8.	Do	ollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs	\$750,000
9.	Au	ditee qualified as a low-risk auditee under the Uniform Guidance?	Yes
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# Section II. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

None.

# Section III. Findings and Questioned Costs Related to Major Federal Award Programs

None.

See independent's auditor's report.

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None.

Section III. Findings and Questioned Costs Related to Major Federal Award Programs

None.

# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA

Agreed-Upon Procedures R.S. 24:514 - Performance and Statistical Data

June 30, 2024



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# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors of Delhi Charter School, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of Delhi Charter School (the School) for the year ended June 30, 2024. The School's management is responsible for its performance and statistical data.

Delhi Charter School has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of determining whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions, in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 I. 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 the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

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

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

**<u>Results</u>**: No exceptions were noted.

# Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 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<sup>st</sup> roll books for those classes and observed that the class was properly classified on the schedule.

**<u>Results</u>**: There was a discrepancy between the class size as reported on the listing provided and the class size per the roll book for one of the classes selected. No other exceptions noted.

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

3. We obtained October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Results**: There was a discrepancy between level of education per personnel file support and level of education in the PEP data for one employee selected. No other exceptions noted.

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

4. We obtained June 30<sup>th</sup> 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).

# **Results**: No exceptions were noted.

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

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

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

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Baton Rouge, LA October 23, 2024

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

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

# Schedule 2 - Class Size Characteristics

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

# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures General Fund Instructional Expenditures			
Teacher and Student Interaction Activities Classroom Teacher Salaries Other Instructional Staff Salaries Instructional Staff Employee Benefits Purchased Professional and Technical Services Instructional Materials and Supplies Instructional Equipment	\$ 2,557,370 113,004 1,093,095 87,700 76,675 -		
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities		\$	3,927,844
Other Instructional Activities			158,391
Pupil Support Services Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Services	259,645 		
Net Pupil Support Services			259,645
Instructional Staff Services Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	89,607 		
Net Instructional Staff Services			89,607
School Administration Less: Equipment for School Administration	672,301 (2,386)		
Net School Administration			669,915
Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures		\$	5,105,402
Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures		\$	3,094
Certain Local Revenue Sources Local Taxation Revenue Constitutional Ad Valorem Taxes Renewable Ad Valorem Tax Debt Service Ad Valorem Tax Up to 1% of Collections by the Sheriff on Taxes Other than School Taxes Sales and Use Taxes		\$	- - - -
Total Local Taxation Revenue		\$	
Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property Earnings from 16 <sup>th</sup> Section Property Earnings from Other Real Property		\$	-
Total Local Earnings on Investment in Real Property		\$	
State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes Revenue Sharing - Constitutional Tax Revenue Sharing - Other Taxes Revenue Sharing - Excess Portion Other Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		\$	- - -
Total State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes		\$	
Nonpublic Textbook Revenue Nonpublic Transportation Revenue		\$ \$	

# DELHI CHARTER SCHOOL DELHI, LOUISIANA Class Size Characteristics 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
Combination	66%	134	30%	60	4%	9	0%	0
Combination Activity Classes	60%	21	17%	6	6%	2	17%	6

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 the 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.



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# AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

Delhi Charter School

Independent Accountant's Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

# For the Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

To the Board of Directors and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Delhi Charter School (the School) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The School has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through 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 as follows:

#### 1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. 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:
  - i. *Budgeting*, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - ii. **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.
  - iii. *Disbursements*, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

- iv. 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).
- v. **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.
- vi. *Contracting*, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **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).
- ix. 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.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. *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.
- xii. **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.

**<u>Results</u>**: The School determined that sections #1.x Debt Service, and #1.xii Prevention of Sexual Harassment, were not applicable. No exceptions noted as a result of the procedures performed.

# 2) Board or Finance Committee

- A. 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:
  - i. 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.

- ii. 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.*
- iii. 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.
- iv. 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.

**<u>Results</u>**: The School determined that sections #2.A.iii was not applicable. No exceptions noted as a result of the procedures performed.

# 3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. 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:
  - i. 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);
  - ii. 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
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

**<u>Results</u>**: No exceptions noted as a result of the procedures performed.

# 4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

A. 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).

- B. 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:
  - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
  - ii. 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;
  - 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
  - iv. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (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:
  - i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
  - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
  - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
  - iv. 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).
  - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

# 5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. 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).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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:
  - i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
  - iii. 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;
  - iv. 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
  - v. 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.
- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A 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:
  - i. 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
  - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, 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.

**<u>Results</u>**: No exceptions noted as a result of the procedures performed.

- A. 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.
- B. 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:
  - i. 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
  - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, 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.

# 7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. 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:
  - i. 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);
  - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

- iii. 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
- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

# 8) Contracts

- A. 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:
  - i. 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;
  - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
  - iii. 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
  - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

**<u>Results</u>**: No exceptions noted as a result of the procedures performed.

# 9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. 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.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
  - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. 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.
- D. 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.

# 10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
  - i. 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
  - ii. 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.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

**<u>Results</u>**: No exceptions noted as a result of the procedures performed.

# 11) Debt Service

A. 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. B. 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**: The School determined that this section was not applicable.

# 12) Fraud Notice

- A. 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.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

**<u>Results</u>**: No exceptions noted as a result of the procedures performed.

# 13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
  - i. 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.
  - ii. 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.
  - iii. 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.
- B. 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 #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, 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:
  - i. Hired before June 9, 2020 completed the training; and
  - ii. Hired on or after June 9, 2020 completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

**<u>Results</u>**: We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management. The School determined test step 13c was not applicable to charter schools.

# 14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, 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.
- B. 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).
- C. 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:
  - i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
  - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
  - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
  - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
  - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

**<u>Results</u>**: The School determined that this section was not applicable.

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

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

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

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