

**CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION dba
HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Citizens' Committee for Education dba
Homer A. Plessy Community School

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Citizens' Committee for Education (a non-profit organization) dba Homer A. Plessy Community School (hereafter Homer A. Plessy Community School), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Homer A. Plessy Community School as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the School Leader, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are 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.

The Performance and Statistical Data and the Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by Louisiana State Law. 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. We have applied certain limited procedures, which are described in both Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures. However we did not audit this information and, accordingly, express no opinion on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 24, 2019, on our consideration of Homer A. Plessy Community School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Homer A. Plessy Community School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Homer A. Plessy Community School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Baton Rouge, LA

September 24, 2019

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 572,696	\$ 497,095
Accounts receivable, net	333,131	287,228
Other current assets	13,082	39,111
Total Current Assets	<u>918,909</u>	<u>823,434</u>
Property and Equipment		
Equipment	148,117	122,988
Furniture and fixtures	9,312	-
Leasehold improvements	52,966	-
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(120,668)</u>	<u>(91,256)</u>
Total Property and Equipment	89,727	31,732
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,008,636</u>	<u>\$ 855,166</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 232,526	\$ 170,294
Accrued wages and bonuses	<u>123,527</u>	<u>119,699</u>
Total Current Liabilities	356,053	289,993
Net Assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>652,583</u>	<u>565,173</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,008,636</u>	<u>\$ 855,166</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
 STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
 FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
REVENUES		
Minimum Foundation Program	\$ 3,341,985	\$ 2,413,737
Federal grants	146,565	190,162
Federal food service reimbursement	320,148	367,215
State grants	262,479	151,279
Private grants	-	19,000
Gain on sale of asset	-	118,440
Other income	174,234	195,226
Total Revenues	<u>4,245,411</u>	<u>3,455,059</u>
EXPENSES		
Program services	3,897,630	3,178,222
Management and general	260,371	255,937
Total Expenses	<u>4,158,001</u>	<u>3,434,159</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	87,410	20,900
Net assets - beginning of year	565,173	544,273
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 652,583</u>	<u>\$ 565,173</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management & General</u>	<u>Total</u>
Curriculum materials and software	\$ 90,952	\$ -	\$ 90,952
Depreciation	23,530	5,882	29,412
Employee benefits	260,215	11,079	271,294
Equipment and furniture	6,488	1,622	8,110
Food service	285,501	-	285,501
Insurance	67,946	16,987	84,933
Janitorial	69,197	17,299	86,496
Miscellaneous	22,505	5,626	28,131
Payroll taxes	152,797	6,767	159,564
Postage	492	-	492
Professional development	60,376	-	60,376
Recruiting	11,201	-	11,201
Repairs and maintenance	59,110	14,778	73,888
Salaries	2,049,603	68,958	2,118,561
Supplies	90,657	9,234	99,891
Technical and professional services	338,374	85,631	424,005
Telephone	23,375	5,844	29,219
Transportation	242,655	-	242,655
Utilities	42,656	10,664	53,320
	<u>\$ 3,897,630</u>	<u>\$ 260,371</u>	<u>\$ 4,158,001</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

	Program Services	Management & General	Total
Bad debt expense	\$ -	\$ 11,001	\$ 11,001
Curriculum materials and software	57,059	-	57,059
Depreciation	28,086	7,021	35,107
Employee benefits	188,172	8,213	196,385
Equipment and furniture	2,459	615	3,074
Food service	319,268	-	319,268
Insurance	34,200	8,550	42,750
Janitorial	63,775	15,944	79,719
Miscellaneous	17,102	4,275	21,377
Payroll taxes	125,380	5,577	130,957
Postage	2,035	-	2,035
Professional development	15,605	-	15,605
Recruiting	10,282	-	10,282
Repairs and maintenance	67,693	16,923	84,616
Salaries	1,734,401	61,604	1,796,005
Supplies	98,165	10,607	108,772
Technical and professional services	190,714	84,107	274,821
Telephone	26,272	6,568	32,840
Transportation	137,825	-	137,825
Utilities	59,729	14,932	74,661
	<u>\$ 3,178,222</u>	<u>\$ 255,937</u>	<u>\$ 3,434,159</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Changes in net assets	\$ 87,410	\$ 20,900
<u>Adjustments to reconcile net revenues over expenses to net cash provided by operating activities:</u>		
Depreciation	29,412	35,107
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(45,903)	108,615
(Increase) decrease in other current assets	26,029	(15,905)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	62,232	43,730
Increase (decrease) in accrued wages and bonuses	3,828	(53,537)
Total adjustments	<u>75,598</u>	<u>118,010</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>163,008</u>	<u>138,910</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of fixed assets	(87,407)	(19,710)
Gain on sale of assets	-	(118,440)
Proceeds from sale of asset (net of settlement fees)	-	822,469
Cash payments for construction in progress	-	(7,658)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>(87,407)</u>	<u>676,661</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payments on construction loan	-	(520,146)
Net cash used in financing activities	-	(520,146)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	75,601	295,425
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>497,095</u>	<u>201,670</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 572,696</u>	<u>\$ 497,095</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Organization

Homer A Plessy Community School (the School) was approved on January 22, 2012 as a Type 1 charter school by the Orleans Parish School Board. The School is operated and governed by The Citizens' Committee for Education which is a 501(c)(3) organization. As of the 2018-2019 school year the School served children in Pre-K and grades Kindergarten through 7th with an arts integrated, Reggio inspired curriculum. One grade will be added each year until the School serves children in grades Pre-K through 8th. The School operates under a charter in Orleans Parish that expires June 30, 2024 and may be renewed for successive periods of five years subject to a review by the Orleans Parish School Board of the School's operations and compliance.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the School have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

(c) Revenues

The School receives the majority of its revenue from the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) which passes through the Orleans Parish School Board. The amount of the MFP funding is based on an allocation of funds provided by the State of Louisiana and local taxes. The School also receives federal, state and private sector funding. Federal and state funds are passed through the Louisiana Department of Education or the Orleans Parish School Board.

(d) Net Assets

The School reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions are net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and are available for us at the organization's discretion.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions are net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that may or will be met by either actions of the organization or the passage of time. Once the restrictions are met they are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions. There are no net assets classified as with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2019 and 2018.

(e) Recently Issued Accounting Standards

On August 18, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of not-for-Profit Entities*. Among other provisions, ASU 2016-14 reduces the number of classes of net assets from three to two, requires the presentation of expenses in both natural and functional classifications, and requires the disclosure of both quantitative and qualitative information about the availability of and how the organization manages its liquid available resources to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the balance sheet date.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(f) Cash

Cash consists of bank deposits held with financial institutions and cash on hand.

(g) Accounts and Grants Receivable

Management has determined that there were no balances recorded that were uncollectible as of June 30, 2019 and 2018.

(h) Functional Expenses

The School allocates its expenses on a functional basis among its various programs. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program, such as curriculum supplies, are allocated directly according to their natural expense classification. Other expenses that are attributable to both the program and supporting functions are allocated based on management's estimates of time and effort.

(i) Income Taxes

The School accounts for income taxes in accordance with FASB ASC 740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*. Management believes it has no material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly has not recognized a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits.

The School is governed by The Citizens' Committee for Education which is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The School files information returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and in various other states. The School is no longer subject to examination by the IRS for information returns prior to 2015.

(j) Use of Estimates

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

(k) Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the School has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclose through September 24, 2019, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

2. Reclassification

Certain amounts included in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

3. Concentrations

Financial instruments, which potentially subject the School to concentration of credit risk, consist of cash accounts held with a bank. Cash accounts held with a bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for up to \$250,000. Cash deposits in excess of FDIC insured limits at June 30, 2019 and 2018 were approximately \$329,440 and \$247,095, respectively. The School does not believe that it is exposed to any significant credit risk on uninsured amounts.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

3. Concentrations (continued)

The School receives the majority of its operating revenue from the State of Louisiana and the Orleans Parish School Board in the form of Minimum Foundation program funding. The School also receives grants from federal agencies, state agencies, and private foundations. The percentage of revenue and receivables from these sources in excess of 10% is as follows:

	Revenue	Receivables
2019		
Minimum Foundation Program	79%	-
Federal Grants	11%	55%
State Grants	N/A	45%
2018		
Minimum Foundation Program	70%	-
Federal Grants	15%	49%
State Grants	N/A	51%

4. Leases

The School occupies a building that is owned by the Orleans Parish School Board and the Recovery School District and therefore does not make any monthly lease payments. In exchange for occupying the building at no cost the School receives lower Minimum Foundation Program funding per student.

5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is presented in the financial statements on the basis of cost less allowances for depreciation. The School capitalizes all expenditures of depreciable assets where cost exceeds \$500. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method and is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is generally three to five years.

All property and equipment purchased with Louisiana Department of Education funds are owned by the School. However, these assets would revert back to the Louisiana Department of Education should the charter not be renewed.

6. Compensated Absences

Employees earn paid time off based on various factors such as length of service and job title. Any unused paid time off is paid out at the end of the year and does not carry over to the following year. Therefore, there are no compensated absences accrued at June 30, 2019 or 2018.

7. Bank Line of Credit

The School has an available line of credit of \$150,000 with a bank. Interest on the line of credit is 6% and is paid monthly. As of June 30, 2019 and 2018 there was no outstanding balance on the line of credit.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018**

8. Commitments and Contingencies

The School receives grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for expenditures disallowed under terms of the grant. It is the opinion of the School's management that its compliance with the terms of the grant will not result in any disallowed costs.

9. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The School has \$905,827 of financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general and operating expenditures, consisting of cash of \$572,696 and accounts receivable of \$333,131. There are no amounts unavailable for general use due to contractual or donor imposed restrictions within one year of the statement of financial position date.

As part of the School's liquidity management, cash is kept in a checking account that can be accessed to meet daily needs of the School. To further help the School manage unanticipated liquidity needs, the School has an open line of credit (as further discussed in note 7) with an available balance of \$150,000 as of June 30, 2019, which it could draw upon.

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL LEADER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

School Leader

M. Raychaudhuri

Salary

\$ 95,000

Benefits - insurance

6,221

Bonus

2,000

Reimbursed expenses

61,936

\$ 165,157

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

Board of Directors
Citizens' Committee for Education dba
Homer A. Plessy Community School

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Citizens' Committee for Education (a non-profit organization) dba Homer A. Plessy Community School (hereafter Homer A. Plessy Community School) which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in the 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 Homer A. Plessy Community School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 organization'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 organization'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.

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Baton Rouge, LA

September 24, 2019

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

We have audited the financial statements of Citizens' Committee for Education (a non-profit organization) dba Homer A. Plessy Community School (hereafter Homer A. Plessy Community School, as of June 30, 2019 for the year ended, and have issued our report thereon dated September 24, 2019. 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.

Summary of Auditors' Reports

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

Findings - Financial Statement Audit

There are no findings for the year ended June 30, 2019

Questioned Costs

There are no questioned costs for the year ended June 30, 2019

**HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

Summary of Prior Audit Findings

There were no prior year audit findings.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Directors
Citizens' Committee for Education dba
Homer A. Plessy Community School
New Orleans, LA

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Citizens' Committee for Education dba Homer A. Plessy Community School (hereafter Homer A. Plessy Community School) and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, on the performance and statistical data accompanying the annual financial statements of Homer A. Plessy Community School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019; and to determine whether the specified schedules are free of obvious errors and omissions as provided by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514.1. Management of Homer A. Plessy Community School is responsible for its performance and statistical data. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings relate to the accompanying schedules of supplemental information and are as follows:

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources (Schedule 1)

Procedure #1

We selected a random sample of 25 transactions and reviewed supporting documentation to determine if the sampled expenditures/revenues are classified correctly and are reported in the proper amounts for each of the following amounts on the Schedule:

- Total General Fund 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

Results of Procedure #1

In performing the testing on the sample of expenditures/revenues we noted no transactions that were inappropriately classified or that were recorded at an inappropriate amount.

Class Size Characteristics (Schedule 2)

Procedure #2

We obtained a list of classes by school, school type, and class size as reported on the Schedule. We then traced a random sample of 10 classes to the October 1st roll books for those classes and determined if the class was properly classified on the Schedule.

Results of Procedure #2

No discrepancies were noted between the classes reported on the Schedule and those in the roll books.

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

This 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 Homer A. Plessy Community School, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514.1, 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 Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Baton Rouge, LA

September 24, 2019

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION DBA
HOMER A. PLESSY COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NEW ORLEANS, LA

Schedules Required by State Law (R.S. 24:514 – Performance and Statistical Data)
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2019

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. This data is currently reported to the Legislature in the Annual Financial and Statistical Report (AFSR).

Homer A. Plessy
New Orleans, LA

General Fund Instructional and Support Expenditures and Certain Local Revenue Sources
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Column A	Column B
<u>General Fund Instructional and Equipment Expenditures</u>		
General Fund Instructional Expenditures:		
Teacher and Student Interaction Activities:		
Classroom Teacher Salaries	\$1,231,065	
Other Instructional Staff Activities	32,473	
Instructional Staff Employee Benefits	294,164	
Purchased Professional and Technical Services	28,192	
Instructional Materials and Supplies	60,289	
Instructional Equipment	<u>8,110</u>	
Total Teacher and Student Interaction Activities		\$1,654,293
Other Instructional Activities		-
Pupil Support Activities	105,745	
Less: Equipment for Pupil Support Activities	<u>-</u>	
Net Pupil Support Activities		105,745
Instructional Staff Services	275,259	
Less: Equipment for Instructional Staff Services	<u>-</u>	
Net Instructional Staff Services		<u>275,259</u>
School Administration	473,786	
Less: Equipment for School Administration	<u>-</u>	
Net School Administration		<u>473,786</u>
Total General Fund Instructional Expenditures (Total of Column B)		<u>\$2,509,083</u>
Total General Fund Equipment Expenditures (Object 730; Function Series 1000-4000)		<u>\$ 8,110</u>

See accompanying independent accountant's report on applying agreed-upon procedures

Homer A. Plessy
New Orleans, LA

Class Size Characteristics
As of October 1, 2018

School Type	Class Size Range							
	1 - 20		21 - 26		27 - 33		34+	
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
Elementary	39%	36	51%	48	10%	9		
Elementary Activity Classes	54%	14	42%	11	4%	1		
Middle/Jr. High								
Middle/Jr. High Activity Classes								
High								
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.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Directors
Homer A. Plessy Community School

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Homer A. Plessy Community School and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The Organization's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that 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, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
 - f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process

- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Exception: While the School did not have a formal Ethics policy as detailed in step "i" above effective during the 2018-2019 school year, it was noted that the school does have sufficient policies in place as of September 21, 2019.

Management's Response: We have reviewed this independent accountant's report on applying agreed-upon procedures and agree with the exceptions noted. As noted above, we have updated our policies and procedures accordingly to include the best practices suggested by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

Board or Finance Committee

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

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.
 - a) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-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.*

- b) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unrestricted 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 unrestricted fund balance in the general fund.

Bank Reconciliations

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

3. Obtain a listing of client 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 selected each 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, electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Collections

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).

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures.

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 (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

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

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures.

- 6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

Results: No exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures.

- 7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe 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).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Results: We did not note that cash deposits were made once per week and not always within one business day. No other exceptions were noted.

Management's Response: We have reviewed this independent accountant's report on applying agreed-upon procedures and agree with the exceptions noted. We will review our policies and procedures and update accordingly to include the best practices suggested by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases/payments, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

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 #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/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.
10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
12. 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 that 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) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]]
 - c) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe 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).

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

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

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

Payroll and Personnel

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

16. Obtain a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees/officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
18. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials'

cumulate leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.

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

Ethics

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above: obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

Exception: It was noted that there was no requirement for employees to complete one hour of ethics training for the school year ended June 30, 2019. We did observe that the school has implemented this procedure as of the 2019-2020 school year.

- b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

Exception: It was noted that, for the 2018-2019 school year, the School did not have a procedure in place requiring employees to attest via signature that they read the School's ethics policy. We did observe that this procedure was implemented as of the 2019-2020 school year.

Management's Response: As of September 21, 2019, a formal written ethics policy has been implemented requiring all employees to obtain a minimum of one hour of ethics training annually. In addition, on annual basis, all employees will be required to sign the School's code of ethics policy attesting that he or she will be held to the strict standards detailed within.

Debt Service

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

Results: The School is a non-profit therefore this procedure is not applicable.

22. 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.

Results: The School is a non-profit therefore this procedure is not applicable.

Other

Note: In the prior year, no exceptions were noted as a result of applying these procedures. Therefore, we are not required to test these procedures in the current year.

23. 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.
24. 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

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on 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.

The purpose of this report is 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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