A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

for the fiscal year ended JUNE 30, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of the Lutz Preparatory School, Inc. a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lutz Preparatory School, Inc. ("School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the School, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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 opinions. 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, and Note to Required Supplementary Information, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report August 28, 2024, on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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.

King & Walker, CPAS

August 28, 2024 Tampa, Florida

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section of the annual financial report of the Lutz Preparatory School, Inc., ("School") provides an overview of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Because the information contained in the MD&A is intended to highlight significant transactions, events, and conditions, it should be considered in conjunction with the School's financial statements and notes to financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In 2015-16, Lutz Preparatory School, Inc., was granted a 15-year charter school contract to combine the elementary and the middle school into a single charter agreement. Lutz Preparatory School, Inc., now serves grades kindergarten through eighth grade. The following financial statements also include the activity of the preschool Lutz Pre-Prep, LLC, an entity under common control, that serves children ages 3 and 4.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the School's revenues exceeded expenses as shown on the School's statement of activities by \$1,547,378.
- As shown on the statement of net position, the School reported an unrestricted net position balance of \$6,376,220.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements consist of three components:

- ✓ Government-wide financial statements
- ✓ Fund financial statements
- ✓ Notes to financial statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the School's overall financial condition in a manner similar to those of a private-sector business. The statements include a statement of net position and a statement of activities that are designed to provide consolidated financial information about the governmental activities of the School presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The statement of net position provides information about the government's financial position, its assets and liabilities, using an economic resources measurement focus. The difference between the assets and liabilities, the net position, is a measure of the financial health of the School. The statement of activities presents information about the change in the School's net position and the results of operations, during the fiscal year. An increase or decrease in net position is an indication of whether the School's financial health is improving or deteriorating. To assess the overall financial position of the School, one needs to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the School student base funding level.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are one of the components of the basic financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's financial activities, focusing on its most significant funds rather than fund types. This is in contrast to the entity-wide perspective contained in the governmentwide statements.

<u>Governmental Funds</u>: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, the governmental funds utilize a spendable financial resources measurement focus rather than the economic resources measurement focus found in the government-wide financial statements. The financial resources measurement focus allows the governmental fund statements to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources as well as balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that may be used to evaluate the School's near-term financing requirements. This short-term view is useful when compared to the long-term view presented as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. To facilitate this comparison, both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation of governmental fund to governmental activities.

The governmental funds balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide detailed information about the School's most significant funds. The School operates the following funds: a General Fund, a Special Revenue Fund, a Capital Projects Fund, and a Debt Service Fund. Each of these funds are major funds.

The School adopts annual budgets for its governmental funds. A budgetary comparison schedule, as required, has been provided for the General Fund and Major Special Revenue Fund to demonstrate compliance with the budgets.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of the School's current year and prior year net position:

	Net Position, End of Year								
	Governmental Activities								
			Increase						
	6-30-23	6-30-24	(Decrease)						
ASSETS									
Current and Other Assets	\$ 6,672,979	\$ 8,375,564	\$ 1,702,585						
Capital Assets, Net	9,321,345	9,075,123	(246,222)						
Total Assets	15,994,324	17,450,687	1,456,363						
LIABILITIES									
Current Liabilities	830,939	846,487	15,548						
Noncurrent Liabilities	7,310,196	7,203,633	(106,563)						
Total Liabilities	8,141,135	8,050,120	(91,015)						
NET POSITION									
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,011,149	1,871,490	(139,659)						
Restricted for Debt Service	652,603	650,582	(2,021)						
Restricted for Capital Projects	502,275	502,275	-						
Unrestricted	4,687,162	6,376,220	1,689,058						
Total Net Position	\$ 7,853,189	\$ 9,400,567	\$ 1,547,378						

The assets of the School primarily consist of cash and cash equivalents, amounts due from other agencies, prepaid items, and the School's investment in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation. Liabilities consist primarily of deferred revenue, accounts payable, and bonds payable. Total net position amounted to \$9,400,567, which included an unrestricted net position balance of \$6,376,220.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of the School's change in net position for the current and prior year:

Operating Results for the Year

	Governmental Activities							
	6-30-23	6-30-24	Increase (Decrease)					
Revenues:			(
Federal Direct	\$ 427,443	\$ -	\$ (427,443)					
Federal Through State and Local	402,865	684,829	281,964					
State	6,490,355	6,761,606	271,251					
Local and Other	2,303,613	2,364,577	60,964					
Total Revenues	9,624,276	9,811,012	186,736					
Expenses:								
Instruction	4,170,203	4,394,214	224,011					
Student Support Services	95,216	63,011	(32,205)					
Instructional Media	7,903	12,883	4,980					
Instruction & Curriculum Development	37,984	57,346	19,362					
Instructional Staff Training	44,806	32,549	(12,257)					
Board	22,678	11,645	(11,033)					
General Administration	36,493	37,703	1,210					
School Administration	787,328	733,867	(53,461)					
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	20,438	55,728	35,290					
Fiscal Services	39,921	39,297	(624)					
Food Services	72,080	81,813	9,733					
Central Services	19,564	34,151	14,587					
Operation of Plant	709,909	720,854	10,945					
Maintenance of Plant	226,388	113,433	(112,955)					
Community Service	1,181,541	1,175,867	(5,674)					
Debt Service - Interest & Fees	305,195	262,029	(43,166)					
Unallocated Depreciation	449,238	437,244	(11,994)					
Total Expenses	8,226,885	8,263,634	36,749					
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 1,397,391	\$ 1,547,378	\$ 149,987					

The largest revenue source for the School is the State of Florida (69 percent). Revenues from State sources for current operations are primarily received through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula and Charter School Capital Outlay funds. Both sources utilize student enrollment data to determine the funds available for the School.

The largest concentration of expenses was for Instruction related functions which represents 55% of total expenses. The expense categories experienced increases and decreases between fiscal years due to general economic conditions and the changing financial needs of the School.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - (Unaudited)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

As the School completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$7,536,769.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The general fund and special revenue fund budgets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, were developed based on the School's anticipated revenues and expenditures, the expected student population, and Federal grant programs for the school year. Over the course of the year, management monitors and may revise the budgets. Refer to the Budgetary Comparison Schedule for additional information.

CAPITAL ASSETS

The School's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, amounts to \$9,075,123 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, improvements other than buildings, buildings and fixed equipment, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, leasehold improvements, and construction in progress. Additional information regarding the School's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

DEBT

In 2020-21 fiscal year, the School issued bonds totaling \$6,765,000 to refinance the existing mortgage for their educational facilities. The remaining balance of these bonds, net of the unamortized bond premium, is \$7,203,633 at June 30, 2024. Additional information regarding the School's debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the School's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the School's management, 17951 N. US Highway 41, Lutz, FL 33549.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2024

	Government Activities		
ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	7,934,906	
Due From Other Agencies		157,732	
Accounts Receivable		12,296	
Prepaid Items & Deposits		270,630	
Capital Assets:			
Land		1,300,000	
Buildings & Fixed Equipment, Net		6,893,183	
Improvements Other Than Buildings, Net		412,352	
Leasehold Improvements, Net		45,744	
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment, Net		61,402	
Construction in Progress		362,442	
Total Capital Assets		9,075,123	
TOTAL ASSETS		17,450,687	
LIABILITIES			
Salaries and Benefits Payable		97,439	
Accounts Payable		177,162	
Deferred Revenue		564,194	
Accrued Interest on Bonds		7,692	
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year:			
Bonds Payable		95,000	
Due After One Year:			
Bonds Payable		7,108,633	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		8,050,120	
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		1,871,490	
Restricted for Debt Service		650,582	
Restricted for Capital Projects		502,275	
Unrestricted		6,376,220	
TOTAL NET POSITION	¢	9,400,567	
IVIAL NET FUSITION	\$	9,400,307	

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES *For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024*

	_	Expenses	 Charges for Services	ram Revenues Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	-	Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes Net Position Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:							
Instruction	\$	4,394,214	\$ -	\$ 312,927	\$ -	\$	(4,081,287)
Student Support Services		63,011	-	5,325	-		(57,686)
Instructional Media		12,883	-	338	-		(12,545)
Instruction & Curriculum Development		57,346	-	23,071	-		(34,275)
Instructional Staff Training		32,549	-	28,424	-		(4,125)
Board		11,645	-	-	-		(11,645)
General Administration		37,703	-	-	-		(37,703)
School Administration		733,867	-	29,940	-		(703,927)
Facilities Acquisition & Construction		55,728	-	-	-		(55,728)
Fiscal Services		39,297	-	-	-		(39,297)
Food Services		81,813	-	2,250	-		(79,563)
Central Services		34,151	-	18,000	-		(16,151)
Operation of Plant		720,854	-	4,998	-		(715,856)
Maintenance of Plant		113,433	-	-	121,639		8,206
Community Service		1,175,867	-	-	-		(1,175,867)
Debt Service - Interest & Fees		262,029	-	-	388,779		126,750
Unallocated Depreciation		437,244	-	-	-		(437,244)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	8,263,634	\$ -	\$ 425,273	\$ 510,418		(7,327,943)

General Revenue	
State Sources	6,297,440
Grants and Contributions not restricted to specific program	259,556
Local and Other	 2,318,325
Total General Revenues	8,875,321
Change in Net Position	1,547,378
Net Position - July 1, 2023	 7,853,189
Net Position - June 30, 2024	\$ 9,400,567

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS June 30, 2024

ASSETS	-	General Fund	_	Special Revenue Fund	_	Capital Projects Fund	_	Debt Service Fund	(Total Governmental Funds
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	6,782,049	\$	-	\$	502,275	\$	650,582	\$	7,934,906
Due From Other Agencies		14,035		143,697		-		-		157,732
Accounts Receivable		12,296		-		-		-		12,296
Prepaid Items & Deposits		270,630		-		-		-		270,630
Due from Other Funds		143,697		-		-		-		143,697
Total Assets	\$	7,222,707	\$	143,697	\$	502,275	\$	650,582	\$	8,519,261
LIABILITIES										
Salaries and Benefits Payable	\$	97,439	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	97,439
Accounts Payable		177,162		-		-		-		177,162
Deferred Revenue		564,194		-		-		-		564,194
Due to Other Funds		-		143,697		-		-		143,697
Total Liabilities		838,795		143,697				-		982,492
FUND BALANCES										
Nonspendable		270,630		-		-		-		270,630
Restricted for Capital Projects		-		-		502,275		-		502,275
Restricted for Debt Service		-		-		-		650,582		650,582
Unassigned		6,113,282		-		-		-		6,113,282
Total Fund Balances		6,383,912		-		502,275		650,582		7,536,769
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	7,222,707	\$	143,697	\$	502,275	\$	650,582	\$	8,519,261

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds		\$ 7,536,769
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds.		9,075,123
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.		
Bonds Payable	(7,203,633)	
Accrued Interest on Bonds	(7,692)	 (7,211,325)
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities		\$ 9,400,567

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	-	General Fund	_	Special Revenue Fund		Capital Projects Fund		Debt Service Fund		Total Governmental Funds
Revenues										
Intergovernmental: Federal Through State and Local State	\$	259,556 6,297,440	\$	425,273	\$	- 464,166	\$	-	\$	684,829 6,761,606
Local and Other		2,318,325		-		46,252		-		2,364,577
Total Revenues	_	8,875,321		425,273		510,418	_	-		9,811,012
Expenditures										
Current - Education:										
Instruction		4,081,287		312,927		-		-		4,394,214
Student Support Services		57,686		5,325		-		-		63,011
Instructional Media		12,545		338		-		-		12,883
Instruction & Curriculum Development		34,275		23,071		-		-		57,346
Instructional Staff Training		4,125		28,424		-		-		32,549
Board		11,645		-		-		-		11,645
General Administration		37,703		-		-		-		37,703
School Administration		703,927		29,940		-		-		733,867
Facilities Acquisition & Construction		55,728		-		-		-		55,728
Fiscal Services		39,297		-		-		-		39,297
Food Services		79,563		2,250		-		-		81,813
Central Services		16,151		18,000		-		-		34,151
Operation of Plant		715,856		4,998		-		-		720,854
Maintenance of Plant		113,433		-		-		-		113,433
Community Service		1,175,867		-		-		-		1,175,867
Fixed Capital Outlay:										
Facilities Acquisition & Construction Debt Service:		69,383		-		121,639		-		191,022
Principal		-		-		-		90,000		90,000
Interest & Fees		-		-		-		300,800		300,800
Total Expenditures		7,208,471		425,273		121,639		390,800		8,146,183
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures		1,666,850				388,779		(390,800)		1,664,829
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		1,000,000				566,775				
Transfers In		-		-		-		388,779		388,779
Transfers Out		-		-		(388,779)		-		(388,779)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		-		-		(388,779)		388,779		-
Net Change in Fund Balances Fund Balances, July 1, 2023		1,666,850 4,717,062		-		502,275		(2,021) 652,603		1,664,829 5,871,940
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Fund Balances, June 30, 2024	\$	6,383,912	\$	-	\$	502,275	\$	650,582	\$	7,536,769

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	1,664,829
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.		
Capital Outlays 191,022	2	
Depreciation Expense (437,244	4)	(246,222)
The repayment of principal of long-term debt is an expenditure in		
the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term		
debt in the statement of net position.		90,000
Expenses in the statement of activities that do not require the use of current financial resources are not reported in governmental funds:		
Amortization of bond premium		16,563
Accrued Interest on Bond		22,208
Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$	1,547,378

A Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Lutz Preparatory School, Inc., ("School) is a not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. In 2015-16, the elementary and the middle school were combined into a single charter school. The governing body of the School is the not-for-profit corporation Board of Directors, which is comprised of not less than three members.

The general operating authority of the School is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The School operates under a charter of the sponsoring school district, the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, ("District"). The current charter is effective until June 30, 2030, and is subject to annual review and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the School and the District. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter. In this case, the District is required to notify the school in writing at least 90 days prior to the charter's expiration. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown. In the event of termination of the charter, the District shall assume operation of the School. The School is considered a component unit of the District; therefore, for financial reporting purposes, the School is required to follow generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governmental units.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units which should be reported within the School's basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provides for identification of any entities for which the School is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the School are such that exclusion would cause the School's basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of the School.

Basis of Presentation

<u>Government-wide Financial Statements</u> - Government-wide financial statements, including the statement of net position and the statement of activities, present information about the School as a whole.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and are thereby clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting

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the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School.

<u>Fund Financial Statements</u> - Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School in the governmental funds. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is reported in a separate column. Because the focus of governmental fund financial statements differs from the focus of government-wide financial statements, a reconciliation is presented with each of the governmental fund financial statements.

The School's major governmental funds are as follows:

- <u>General Fund</u> to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund, and for certain revenues from the State that are legally restricted to be expended for specific current operating purposes.
- <u>Special Revenue Fund</u> to account for certain Federal grant program resources.
- <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> to account for all resources for the acquisition of capital and related items purchased by the School with capital outlay funds.
- <u>Debt Service Fund</u> to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal and interest and related costs.

➢ Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures, or expenses, are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Revenues from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized when they become measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The School considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 30 days of the end of the current fiscal year. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for Federal, State, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability

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is incurred, except for principal and interest on long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized when due. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation, are not recognized in governmental funds.

Cash and Investments

Cash deposits consist of demand deposits and money market accounts with a financial institution. Deposits on hand at financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company up to \$250,000.

> <u>Investments</u>

The School has not adopted a written investment policy. Therefore, pursuant to Florida Statutes, the School is authorized to invest in the Florida PRIME investment pool, administered by the State Board of Administration (SBA); Securities and Exchange Commission registered money market funds with the highest credit quality rating from a nationally recognized rating agency; interest-bearing time deposits and savings accounts in qualified public depositories, as defined by Section 280.02, Florida Statutes; and direct obligations of the United States Treasury.

The School's investments are set aside to make debt service payments and maintain sinking or reserve funds and are classified as restricted. These investments are reported as Restricted for Debt Service on the Statements of Net Position and on the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds.

> Capital Assets

Expenditures for capital assets acquired or constructed for general School purposes are reported in the governmental fund that financed the acquisition or construction. The capital assets so acquired are reported at cost in the government-wide statement of net position but are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School as those costing more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated assets are recorded at fair value at the date of donation.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Description	Estimated Lives
Improvements Other than Buildings	3-7 years
Buildings & Fixed Equipment	10-39 years
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	5-7 years
Leasehold Improvements	3-10 years

Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term obligations that will be financed from resources to be received in the future by governmental funds are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statement of net position. Capital improvement debt is reported net of unamortized

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discount. The School amortizes debt discounts over the life of the debt using the straight-line method.

In the governmental fund financial statements, bonds and other long-term obligations are not recognized as liabilities until due.

Changes in long-term liabilities and other information for the current year are reported in subsequent notes to the financial statements.

> <u>Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources</u>

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. The School does not have any items that qualify for reporting in this category.

> <u>Net Position and Fund Balance Classification</u>

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Net Position are classified and reported in three components:

- <u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings that are attributed to the acquisition or improvement of those assets.
- <u>Restricted Net Position</u> consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by external groups such as creditors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- <u>Unrestricted Net Position</u> all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Fund Financial Statements

GASB Codification Section 1800.142, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, defines the different types of fund balances that a governmental entity must use for financial reporting purposes. GASB requires the fund balance amounts to be reported within one of the following fund balance categories:

• <u>Nonspendable</u> – fund balance associated with inventories, prepaid expenses, long-term loans and notes receivable, and property held for resale

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(unless the proceeds are restricted, committed or assigned). All nonspendable fund balances at year end relate to assets that are in nonspendable form.

- <u>Restricted</u> fund balance that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by the constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
- <u>Committed</u> fund balance that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the School's Board of Governance.
- <u>Assigned</u> fund balance that is intended to be used by the School's management for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- <u>Unassigned</u> fund balance that is the residual amount for the School's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

> Order of Fund Balance Spending Policy

The School's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. First, nonspendable fund balances are determined. Then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined (not including nonspendable amounts). Any remaining fund balance amounts for the non-general funds are to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to be classified as restricted fund balance. It is possible for the non-general funds to have negative unassigned fund balance when nonspendable amounts plus the amount of restricted fund balances for specific purposes exceed the positive fund balance for non-general fund.

Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the District pursuant to the funding provisions included in the School's charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(17), Florida Statutes, the School reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the District.

Under provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of full-time equivalent students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Funding for the School is adjusted during the year to reflect the revised calculations by the FDOE under the FEFP and the actual weighted full-time equivalent students (FTE) reported by the School during designated full-time equivalent student survey periods. The Department may also adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations based upon an audit of the School's compliance in determining and reporting FTE and related data. Normally, such adjustments are

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treated as reductions or additions of revenue in the year when the adjustments are made.

The basic amount of funding through the FEFP under Section 1011.62 is the product of the (1) unweighted FTE, multiplied by (2) the cost factor for each program, multiplied by (3) the base student allocation established by the legislature. Additional funds for exceptional students who do not have a matrix of services are provided through the guaranteed allocation designated in Section 1011.62(1)(e)2., Florida Statutes. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the School reported 781.06 unweighted FTE and 822.8636 weighted FTE.

FEFP funding may also be adjusted as a result of subsequent FTE audits conducted by the Florida Auditor General pursuant to Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-1.0453, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). Schools are required to maintain the following documentation for three years or until the completion of an FTE audit:

- Attendance and membership documentation (Rule 6A-1.044, FAC).
- Teacher certificates and other certification documentation (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Documentation for instructors teaching out-of-field (Rule 6A-1.0503, FAC).
- Procedural safeguards for weighted programs (Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).
- Evaluation and planning documents for weighted programs (Section 1010.305, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-6.03411, FAC).

The School receives Federal or state awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally received based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. For Federal or state awards in which a claim to these grant proceeds is based on incurring eligible expenditures, revenue is recognized to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred.

The School receives state funds through the District under charter school capital outlay funding pursuant to Section 1013.62, Florida Statutes. Funds are based upon a capital outlay plan submitted to the District and are to be used for lease, rent or construction of school facilities. The School also receives funding through donations and fundraising efforts, school lunch sales and local property tax collections.

The School follows the policy of applying restricted resources prior to applying unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available.

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Income Taxes

The School is exempt from Federal tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been included in the accompanying financial statements. Additionally, no uncertain tax positions have been made requiring disclosure in the related notes to financial statements. The School's income tax returns for the past three years are subject to examination by tax authorities and may change upon examination.

Use of Estimates

In preparing the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the statement of net position and affect revenues and expenditures for the period presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated all events subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the report date, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued. Management determined there are no subsequent events which require disclosure.

2. CASH DEPOSITS

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned to the School. The School does not have a custodial credit risk policy. Deposits on hand at financial institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) up to \$250,000. As of June 30, 2024, the School was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

3. INVESTMENTS

The School categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

All of the School's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024, are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

The School's investments at June 30, 2024, are reported as follows:

Investment	Amount		
US Bank - Money Market	\$	650,582	
Total	\$	650,582	

This investment is reported as a cash equivalent for financial statement reporting purposes.

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4. DUE FROM OTHER AGENCIES

Amounts Due from Other Agencies included in the accompanying statement of net position and balance sheet – governmental funds consists of amounts due for state grant funds in the General Fund and for Federal grant funds for expenditures already paid and awaiting reimbursement recorded in the Special Revenue Fund. These receivables are considered to be fully collectible and as such, no allowance for uncollectibles is accrued.

5. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Changes in capital assets are presented in the table below:

	Beginning	Ending		
	Balance	Additions	Deletions	Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Land	\$ 1,300,000	\$ -	\$-	\$ 1,300,000
Construction in Progress	479,528	-	(117,086)	362,442
Buildings & Fixed Equipment	10,206,604	-	-	10,206,604
Improvements Other than Building	297,146	308,108	-	605,254
Leasehold Improvements	304,933	-	-	304,933
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	198,220			198,220
Total Capital Assets	12,786,431	308,108	(117,086)	12,977,453
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings & Fixed Equipment	(2,980,058)	(333,363)	-	(3,313,421)
Improvements Other than Building	(147,031)	(45,871)	-	(192,902)
Leasehold Improvements	(228,697)	(30,492)	-	(259,189)
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(109,300)	(27,518)		(136,818)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(3,465,086)	(437,244)		(3,902,330)
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, net	\$ 9,321,345	\$ (129,136)	\$ (117,086)	\$ 9,075,123

All depreciation expense was shown as unallocated on the Statement of Activities.

6. FUNDING AND CREDIT RISK CONCENTRATIONS

The School receives substantially all of its support and revenue from Federal, state and local funding sources, passed through the District, in the form of performance and budget based contracts. Continuing operation of the School is greatly dependent upon the continued support of these governmental agencies.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the School carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage and settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

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8. BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Amount	Interest	Annual		
Bond Type	Outstanding	Rates	Maturity To		
Series 2021A	\$ 6,585,000	4.00%	2056		
Series 2021B	90,000	3.00%	2025		
Unamortized Bond Premium	528,633				
Total Bonds Payable	\$ 7,203,633				

<u>**Revenue Bonds Series 2021A and 2021B**</u> – On February 17, 2021, the Lutz Preparatory School, Inc. issued tax-exempt revenue bonds (Series 2021A) for \$6,585,000 and taxable revenue bonds (Series 2021B) for \$180,000 secured by a mortgage on the property and buildings. The bonds were issued to refinance the existing mortgage for the facilities used as a nonprofit charter school educational facility.

Series 2021A bonds are term bonds paying interest semi-annually at a rate of 4% with maturities starting June 30, 2031, and ending June 30, 2056. Series 2021B bonds are term bonds paying interest semi-annually at a rate of 3% with maturities starting June 30, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

As required by the bond resolution, the School has established a reserve account and has accumulated and maintained adequate resources in the account.

In the event of default for non-payment of principal or interest on the bonds, the outstanding amounts will become due and payable.

Annual requirements to amortize all bonded debt outstanding as of June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Fiscal Year					
Ending	Total	Principal	Interest		
June 30					
2025	\$ 361,100	\$ 95,000	\$ 266,100		
2026	368,200	105,000	263,200		
2027	369,000	110,000	259,000		
2028	369,600	115,000	254,600		
2029	370,000	120,000	250,000		
2030-34	1,831,000	655,000	1,176,000		
2035-39	1,838,000	805,000	1,033,000		
2040-44	1,838,600	980,000	858,600		
2045-49	1,846,000	1,200,000	646,000		
2050-54	1,841,000	1,455,000	386,000		
2055-56	1,104,800	1,035,000	69,800		
Unamortized					
Bond Premium	528,633	528,633			
Total	\$ 12,665,933	\$ 7,203,633	\$ 5,462,300		

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9. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities:

Beginning						Ending		Due in		
	Balance		Additions		Deductions		Balance		One Year	
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:										
Bonds Payable	\$	6,765,000	\$	-	\$	(90,000)	\$	6,675,000	\$	95,000
Unamortized Bond Premium		545,196		-		(16,563)		528,633		-
Total Bonds Payable		7,310,196		-		(106,563)		7,203,633		95,000
Total Governmental Activities	\$	7,310,196	\$	-	\$	(106,563)	\$	7,203,633	\$	95,000

10. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, & TRANSFERS

At June 30, 2024, the School's Special Revenue Fund owed the General Fund \$143,697 for expenditures awaiting reimbursement from other agencies. These amounts are netted together and not reported in the statement of net position.

The School's Capital Projects Fund transferred \$388,779 to the Debt Service Fund for principal and interest payments owed on long-term debt and to meet the Bond Reserve Fund requirement. The amounts of interfund transfers are netted together and not reported on the statement of activities.

11. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE & NET POSITION

The School has established a restricted net position and restricted Capital Projects Fund balance for funds to be used for major capital projects in subsequent years. As of June 30, 2024, the amount restricted for Capital Projects is \$502,275. The School's investments held in the bond accounts of \$650,582 are shown as Restricted for Debt Service on the Statements of Net Position and the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds.

12. SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE SOURCES

The following is a schedule of the School's State revenue for the fiscal year:

Source	Amount		
Florida Education Finance Program	\$ 5,372,907		
Categorical Programs:			
Class Size Reduction	768,369		
School Recognition	136,492		
Charter School Capital Outlay	464,166		
Miscellaneous	19,672		
Total State Revenue	\$ 6,761,606		

As provided in the charter school contract, the District has charged the School an administrative fee of \$37,703.

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13. PENSION PLAN

The School participates in a defined contribution tax sheltered annuity 403(b) plan for participating employees. Contributions made by the School totaled \$167,249 for the year ended June 30, 2024, which were computed at 5% of employee compensation for each participating employee. Contributions are directed to individual employee's accounts, and the individual employees allocate contributions and account balances among various available investment choices, therefore, the School has no liability for the administration or payments of benefits of the plan, and accordingly, the present value of the related benefits is not reflected in these financial statements. The rate of contribution is set annually by the School's Board of Directors.

14. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The School participates in state grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies, therefore, to the extent that the School has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivables at June 30, 2024, may be impaired.

In the opinion of the School, there are no significant liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

15. LEGAL MATTERS

In the normal course of conducting its operations, the School occasionally becomes party to various legal actions and proceedings. The School has no legal actions or pending proceedings in progress.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND & MAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (UNAUDITED) For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Genera	ıl Fund		Major Special Revenue Fund				
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)	
Revenues:									
Intergovernmental: Federal Through State and Local	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 259,556	\$ 9,556	\$ -	\$ 438,000	\$ 425,273	\$ (12,727)	
State	ء - 6.180.940	\$ 230,000 6.293.000	\$ 239,330 6.297.440	\$ 9,550 4,440	р -	\$ 456,000	\$ 423,275	\$ (12,727)	
Local and Other	1,875,923	2,114,825	2,318,325	203,500	-	-	-	-	
						429.000	425.272	(12.727)	
Total Revenues	8,056,863	8,657,825	8,875,321	217,496	-	438,000	425,273	(12,727)	
Expenditures:									
Current - Education:									
Instruction	4,220,975	4,080,000	4,081,287	(1,287)	-	319,000	312,927	6,073	
Student Support Services	182,904	59,500	57,686	1,814	-	5,500	5,325	175	
Instructional Media	12,100	11,100	12,545	(1,445)	-	1,000	338	662	
Instruction & Curriculum Development	-	33,000	34,275	(1,275)	-	25,000	23,071	1,929	
Instructional Staff Training	48,000	4,000	4,125	(125)	-	30,000	28,424	1,576	
Board	27,675	12,775	11,645	1,130	-	-	-	-	
General Administration	39,308	39,308	37,703	1,605	-	-	-	-	
School Administration	789,517	713,900	703,927	9,973	-	30,000	29,940	60	
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	-	56,000	55,728	272	-	-	-	-	
Fiscal Services	42,565	42,565	39,297	3,268	-	-	-	-	
Food Services	77,057	78,500	79,563	(1,063)	-	2,500	2,250	250	
Central Services	31,068	14,000	16,151	(2,151)	-	20,000	18,000	2,000	
Operation of Plant	838,360	725,600	715,856	9,744	-	5,000	4,998	2	
Maintenance of Plant	229,000	169,800	113,433	56,367	-	-	-	-	
Community Service	1,183,694	1,169,546	1,175,867	(6,321)	-	-	-	-	
Fixed Capital Outlay:									
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	-	-	69,383	(69,383)	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	7,722,223	7,209,594	7,208,471	1,123	-	438,000	425,273	12,727	
Net Change in Fund Balances	334,640	1,448,231	1,666,850	218,619	-	-	-	-	
Fund Balances, July 1, 2023	4,717,062	4,717,062	4,717,062	-	-	-	-	-	
Fund Balances, June 30, 2024	\$ 5,051,702	\$ 6,165,293	\$ 6,383,912	\$ 218,619	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

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NOTE TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION June 30, 2024

1. BUDGETARY BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Budgets are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. During the fiscal year, expenditures were controlled at the object level (e.g., salaries and benefits, purchased services, materials and supplies and capital outlay) within each activity (e.g., instruction, pupil personnel services and school administration). Budgets may be amended by resolution at any Board meeting prior to the date for the annual report.



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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 of the Lutz Preparatory School, Inc. a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

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 the governmental activities and each major fund of Lutz Preparatory School, Inc. ("School"), a charter school and component unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2024.

Report on 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 opinions 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 such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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August 28, 2024 Tampa, Florida



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Management Letter as Required by Rules of the Florida Auditor General, Chapter 10.850, Florida Statutes, *Charter School Audits*

To the Board of Directors of the Lutz Preparatory School, Inc. a Charter School and Component Unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Lutz Preparatory School, Inc. ("School"), a charter school and a component unit of the District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2024.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit 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 Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in those reports and schedule, which are dated August 28, 2024, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no prior audit findings or recommendations.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity are Lutz Preparatory School, 296655.

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not the School has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and to identify the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the School. It is management's responsibility to monitor the School's financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Transparency

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the School maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the School maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we address noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, applicable management, and District School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

King & Walker, CPAs

August 28, 2024 Tampa, Florida