

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY



Financial Statements as of and for the Year Ended  
June 30, 2023, Required Supplementary  
Information and Additional Information for the Year  
Ended June 30, 2023, Federal Awards  
Supplementary Information for the Year Ended  
June 30, 2023, and Independent Auditor's Reports

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Detroit Merit Charter Academy  
Detroit, Michigan

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major funds of Detroit Merit Charter Academy (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major funds of the Academy, as of June 30, 2023, 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 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 Academy, 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 Academy'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 generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy'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 Academy'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 the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information as listed in the table of contents 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.

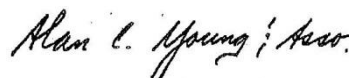
### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements. The statement of revenues – general fund is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the reconciliation of the financial statements' federal revenue with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The statement of revenues – general fund and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the reconciliation of the financial statements' federal revenue with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the statement of revenues – general fund and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the reconciliation of the financial statements' federal revenue with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 1, 2023 on our consideration of the Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of law, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 Academy'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 Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Detroit Michigan  
November 1, 2023

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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This section of the annual financial report for Detroit Merit Charter Academy (the "Academy") provides an overview of the Academy's financial activities as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. It should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

### Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand the Academy financially as a whole. The Academy-wide financial statements provide information about the activities of the whole Academy, presenting both an aggregate view of the Academy's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. The fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the Academy's operations in more detail than the Academy-wide financial statements by providing information about the Academy's most significant fund — the General Fund — with the other fund presented in one column as the major School Service Fund.

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
(Required Supplementary Information)

#### Basic Financial Statements

Academy-wide Financial Statements      Fund Financial Statements

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(Required Supplementary Information)  
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(Additional Information)  
Statement of Revenues — General Fund

### Reporting the Academy as a whole — Academy-wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about the Academy is, "As a whole, what is the Academy's financial condition as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, which appear first in the Academy's financial statements, report information on the Academy as a whole and its activities in a way that helps you answer this question. We prepare these statements to include all assets and liabilities, using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

The Academy's Statement of Net Position — the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the Statement of Net Position — is one way to measure the Academy's financial position. The relationship between revenues and expenses is the Academy's operating results. The Academy's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as private sector companies do. One must consider nonfinancial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the Academy, to assess the overall health of the Academy.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report the activities of the Academy, all of which are classified as governmental. These activities encompass all the Academy's services, including instruction, support services and food services. State aid (based on student count) and state and federal grants finance most of these activities. The Academy has entered into a services agreement (the "agreement") with National Heritage Academies, Inc. (NHA) which requires NHA to provide administration, strategic planning and all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the provision of educational services to students. As part of the consideration received under the agreement, NHA also provides the facility in which the Academy operates. Under the terms of the agreement, NHA receives as remuneration for its services an amount equal to the total revenue received by the Academy from all revenue sources.

### **Reporting the Academy's Fund Financial Statements**

The Academy's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds — not the Academy as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law. However, the Academy establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or as required by state law (the School Service Fund is an example). The governmental funds of the Academy use the following accounting approach:

*Governmental Funds* — All of the Academy's services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting. Only those revenues that are "measurable" and "currently available" are reported. Liabilities are recognized when incurred. The governmental fund statements provide a short-term view of the operations of the Academy and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Academy's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliations presented as part of the statements.



## The Academy as a Whole

Recall that the Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the Academy as a whole. The table below provides a summary of the Academy's net position as of June 30:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Assets - Current	\$ <u>1,495,100</u>	\$ <u>1,669,977</u>
Liabilities - current	<u>1,427,538</u>	<u>1,254,775</u>
Net position:		
Restricted - School Service Fund	-	347,670
Unrestricted	<u>67,562</u>	<u>67,532</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 67,562</u>	<u>\$ 415,202</u>

The unrestricted net position of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of life-to-date operations. These assets can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints, such as legislative or legal requirements. The results of the current-year operations for the Academy as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities, which shows the change in net position.

The results of operations for the Academy as a whole are reported in the summarized Statements of Activities (below) which show the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Revenues:		
State aid	\$ 6,335,437	\$ 6,259,736
Operating grants	<u>2,530,155</u>	<u>2,353,137</u>
Total revenues	8,865,592	8,612,873
Expenses—		
Contracted service fee:		
Instruction	4,575,657	3,828,686
Support services	4,289,086	4,244,441
Food services	<u>628</u>	<u>462,912</u>
Total expenses	<u>8,865,371</u>	<u>8,536,039</u>
SPECIAL ITEM - Transfer of operations	<u>(347,861)</u>	-
Change in net position	<u>\$ (347,640)</u>	<u>\$ 76,834</u>

As reported in the Statement of Activities, the cost of governmental activities was \$8,865,371. These activities were primarily funded by the Academy's state aid (based on student count) and governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants.

The Academy experienced a decrease in net position of \$347,640 in 2023. The primary reason for the change in net position is due to the transfer of the Academy’s food service operations as described in Note 7 “Transfer of Operations”.

A reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities appears on page 12.

### **Fund Financial Statements**

As we noted earlier, the Academy uses funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or as required by state law. Looking at funds helps the reader to consider whether the Academy is being accountable for the resources that the State and others provide to it and may provide more insight into the Academy’s overall financial health.

The Academy’s instruction and support services activities are reported in the General Fund. The School Service Fund represents food service activities. The Academy’s combined fund balance was \$67,562 at June 30, 2023.

A reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position appears on page 11.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, the Academy revises its budget to reflect changes in revenues and expenditures. State law requires that the budget be amended to ensure that expenditures do not exceed appropriations. A schedule showing the Academy’s original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually paid and received is provided in the required supplementary information of these financial statements.

Budgeted revenues for the General Fund were decreased by \$874,343 from the original budget. Revenues were changed to reflect the following:

State Aid	<i>Decrease</i>
Other State Sources	<i>Decrease</i>
Local Sources	<i>Increase</i>
Federal Sources	<i>Decrease</i>
Private Sources	<i>Decrease</i>

Budgeted expenditures for the General Fund were decreased by \$866,691. This change was to reflect the change in anticipated funding. Significant variances between the final budget and actual amounts are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements (Refer to Note 2). In total actual expenditures exceeded the budget by \$245,608.

### **General Economic Factors and Next Year’s Budgets**

Our officials and administration consider many factors when setting the Academy’s 2024 fiscal year budget. One of the most important factors affecting the budget is our student count. The state foundation revenue is determined by multiplying the blended student count by the foundation allowance per pupil. The blended count for the 2024 fiscal year is expected to be 90% and 10% of the October 2023 and February 2023 student counts, respectively. The 2024 budget was adopted in May 2023. Approximately 71% of total General Fund revenue is from the foundation allowance.

As a result, Academy funding is heavily dependent on the State's ability to fund local school operations. Based on early enrollment data at the start of the 2024 school year, we anticipate that the fall student count will be close to the estimates used in creating the 2024 budget. Once the final student count and related per pupil funding are validated, state law requires the Academy to amend the budget if actual Academy resources are not sufficient to fund original appropriations.

Since the Academy's revenue is heavily dependent on state funding and the health of the State's school aid fund, the actual revenue received depends on the State's ability to collect revenues to fund its appropriation to public school academies. The State periodically holds a revenue-estimating conference to estimate revenues. If the State estimates funds are not sufficient to fund the appropriation, the legislature must revise the appropriation or proration of state aid will occur.

### **Contacting the Academy's Financial Management**

The financial report is designed to provide users of the report with a general overview of the Academy's finances and to demonstrate the Academy's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, contact the Chief Financial Officer of National Heritage Academies, Inc., 3850 Broadmoor SE, Suite 201; Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512.

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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	<b>Governmental Activities</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash	\$ 72,417
Due from governmental revenue sources	<u>1,422,683</u>
Total current assets	<u>1,495,100</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,495,100</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</b>	
LIABILITIES:	
Unearned revenue	\$ 586,518
Contracted service fee payable	<u>841,020</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,427,538</u>
NET POSITION:	
Unrestricted	<u>67,562</u>
Total net position	<u>67,562</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 1,495,100</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

## DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Revenues		Governmental Activities Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS —			
Contracted service fee:			
Instruction	\$ 4,575,657	\$ -	\$ 1,746,765
Support services	4,289,086	-	782,762
Food services	628	-	628
Total governmental activities	\$ 8,865,371	\$ -	\$ 2,530,155
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES:			
State aid unrestricted			6,335,437
Total general purpose revenue			6,335,437
SPECIAL ITEM - Transfer of operations			(347,861)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION			(347,640)
NET POSITION:			
Beginning of year			415,202
End of year			\$ 67,562

See notes to financial statements.

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	School Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 72,417	\$ -	\$ 72,417
Due from governmental revenue sources	<u>1,422,683</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,422,683</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,495,100</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,495,100</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Unearned revenue	\$ 586,518	\$ -	\$ 586,518
Contracted service fee payable	<u>768,554</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>768,554</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,355,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,355,072</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Unavailable revenue	<u>72,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,466</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,427,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,427,538</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE:</b>			
Committed	12,232	-	12,232
Unassigned	<u>55,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,330</u>
Total fund balance	<u>67,562</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,562</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,495,100</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,495,100</u></u>

### Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

Total governmental fund balance	\$ 67,562
Due from governmental revenue sources not available to pay current period expenditures therefore deferred in the funds	72,466
Contracted service fee payable not due and payable in the current period and not reported in the funds	<u>(72,466)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 67,562</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	General Fund	School Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>			
State aid	\$ 6,335,437	\$ -	\$ 6,335,437
Other state sources	452,530	-	452,530
Federal sources	1,789,978	819	1,790,797
Private sources	65,357	-	65,357
Local sources	<u>247,567</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>247,567</u>
Total revenues	<u>8,890,869</u>	<u>819</u>	<u>8,891,688</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES — Contracted service fee:</b>			
Instruction	4,575,657	-	4,575,657
Support services	4,315,182	-	4,315,182
Food services	<u>-</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>628</u>
Total expenditures	<u>8,890,839</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>8,891,467</u>
REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	30	191	221
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
Transfer of operations	<u>-</u>	<u>(347,861)</u>	<u>(347,861)</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	30	(347,670)	(347,640)
FUND BALANCE — Beginning of year	<u>67,532</u>	<u>347,670</u>	<u>415,202</u>
FUND BALANCE — End of year	<u>\$ 67,562</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 67,562</u>

### Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Net change in fund balance — total governmental funds	\$ (347,640)
Revenue reported in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources and are not reported as revenue in the governmental funds	72,466
Revenue reported in the governmental funds as available and measurable — reported in the statement of activities in prior years	(98,562)
Contracted service fee recognized consistent with the revenue policy	<u>26,096</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ (347,640)</u>

See notes to financial statements.

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Detroit Merit Charter Academy (the “Academy”) is a Michigan Public School Academy that provides education based on rigorous teaching methods, parental involvement, student responsibility, and basic moral values. The Academy provides education, at no cost to the parent, to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Enrollment is open to all appropriately aged children without regard to gender, ethnic background, disability, and/or religious affiliation. The Academy operates under a charter contract approved by Grand Valley State University, which is responsible for oversight of the Academy’s operations. The charter contract expires June 30, 2025 and is subject to renewal. Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees receives three percent of state aid funds as an administrative fee. The total administrative fee for year ended June 30, 2023, paid to the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees was \$189,303.

The Academy is exempt from taxation as a governmental entity pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 115. The Academy qualifies for public charity status by meeting the requirements of Internal Revenue Code Sections 509(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).

The Academy’s primary source of revenue is provided by the State of Michigan and consists of an amount per student multiplied by weighted average student counts. The state revenue is recognized ratably over the school year and is funded through payments from October 2022 through August 2023.

The Board of Directors of the Academy has entered into a services agreement (the “agreement”) with National Heritage Academies, Inc. (NHA) which requires NHA to provide administration, strategic planning and all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the provision of educational services to students. As part of the consideration received under the agreement, NHA also provides the facility in which the Academy operates. The agreement will continue until the termination or expiration of the charter contract, up to a maximum of five years, unless at least 90 days written notice of intent to terminate or renegotiate is given by either the Academy or NHA.

Under the terms of the agreement, NHA receives as remuneration for its services an amount equal to the total revenue received by the Academy from all revenue sources.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Academy-Wide and Fund Financial Statements** — The Academy-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All the Academy’s government-wide activities are considered governmental activities.



The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenue includes (a) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Revenues not classified as program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

### **Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

*Academy-Wide Statements* — The Academy-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the Academy-wide financial statements.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position, or fund balance are available, the Academy's policy is to first apply restricted resources. When an expense is incurred for purposes which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, it is the Academy's policy to spend funds in this order: committed, assigned and unassigned.

*Fund Based Statements* — Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Academy considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Revenue not meeting this definition is classified as a deferred inflow of resources. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. The contracted service fee to NHA is recorded consistent with the recognition of revenue. Interfund transfers are used to subsidize operations of the School Service Fund.

*Fund Classification* — The financial activities of the Academy are organized on the basis of funds. The operation of each fund is accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

*General Fund* — The General Fund is used to account for the general educational programs of the Academy. Its revenues are derived primarily from the State of Michigan.

*School Service Fund* — The School Service Fund is used to account for the food service operation. Its revenues are derived primarily from a federal grant and student charges. See Note 7 for discussion of the transfer of the Academy's food service operations.

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

*Cash* — Cash as of June 30, 2023 represents bank deposits which are covered by federal depository insurance. Accordingly, there are no investments which are required to be categorized according to risk.

*Unavailable and Unearned Revenue* — Unavailable revenue is reported in connection with receivables for revenue that is not considered available and measurable to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Unearned revenue is reported in connection with funds that have been received for services which have not been performed and is therefore not yet earned. As of June 30, 2023, a deferred inflow for unavailable revenue was recognized for \$72,466 and a liability for unearned revenue was recognized for \$586,518.

*Contracted Service Fee Payable* — Contracted service fee payable as of June 30, 2023 represents a timing difference between funds received from governmental sources and amounts payable to NHA in accordance with the agreement.

*Fund Balance* — Fund balances may be classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned. The terms nonspendable and restricted are used either to indicate that certain assets do not represent spendable resources available for general educational programs or to earmark a portion of fund balance as legally segregated for a specific future use. The term committed represents amounts that can only be used for the specific purpose determined by a formal resolution of the board. The term assigned is used to classify the fund balance intended to be used by the board, but does not meet the criteria to be restricted or committed. The term unassigned is used for amounts that have not been restricted, committed, or otherwise assigned for future uses. At June 30, 2023, the Academy had \$0 in nonspendable fund balance, \$12,232 in committed fund balance and \$55,330 unassigned fund balance.

*Budgetary Information* — Annual budgets are adopted on a basis utilizing generally accepted accounting principles and consistent with state law for the general and special revenue funds.

The budget document presents information by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the function level. State law requires the Academy to have its budget in place by July 1. The budgets can be amended by the Board of Directors as considered necessary. The budgets were amended to decrease budgeted revenues and expenditures for the General Fund by \$874,343 and \$866,691, respectively, and to increase budgeted revenues and expenditures for the School Service Fund by \$25,527 and \$70,452, respectively.

During the year the Academy incurred expenditures in the General Fund which were in excess of amounts budgeted in the following categories:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Instruction		
Added needs	1,030,162	1,366,232
Support services:		
Pupil services	283,341	347,668
Instructional staff services	897,803	906,980
General Administration	323,636	339,421
School Administration	562,201	580,126
Business & Internal Services	134,858	147,751
Central services	363,229	420,442
Pupil Activities	25,239	26,684
Community Activities	71,430	72,353

In total, expenditures exceeded the budget by \$245,608.

*Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements* – The Academy adopted GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements*, effective July 1, 2022. This statement requires recognition of certain subscription based IT agreements (SBITAs). Under this statement a user is required to recognize a liability and an intangible right-to-use asset. The impact of the adoption was not significant as the Academy’s SBITAs are considered short-term as disclosed in Note 6.

### **3. DUE FROM GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE SOURCES**

Receivables as of June 30, 2023 for the Academy included \$1,152,416 in state aid receivable, \$150,021 in other state sources, and \$120,246 in federal sources. The Academy considers all receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts is recorded.

### **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Academy is exposed to various risks of loss related to general liability. Commercial insurance policies to cover certain risks of loss have been obtained. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during fiscal year 2023, and claims did not exceed coverage less retained risk deductible amounts in the past three fiscal years.

### **5. CONTINGENCIES**

The Academy has received proceeds from several federal and state grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the grant agreements. Such audits could result in the refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the refund of grant monies.

## 6. LEASE

The Academy has entered into a sublease agreement with NHA for a facility to house the Academy. The lease term is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Annual rental payments required by the lease are \$1,004,102 payable in twelve monthly payments of \$83,675. This lease is automatically renewed on a year-to-year basis unless a notice of non-renewal is provided by either the Academy or NHA. The lease agreement can be cancelled upon termination of the NHA services agreement.

The Academy is not a party to any leasing arrangements that meet the criteria for recognition of lease assets or liabilities under GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* based on the noncancellable period being less than 12 months and applicability of the short-term lease exception for the facility lease agreement.

The Academy subsequently renewed the sublease with NHA for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at the same rental rate.

The Academy is also not a party to any subscription based IT agreements that meet the criteria for recognition as an asset or liability under GASB Statement 96, *Subscription based information technology agreements*, due to the noncancellable period being less than 12 months.

## 7. TRANSFER OF OPERATIONS

On July 1, 2022, the Academy transferred the assets and liabilities comprising its food service activity and school meals program to Center Line Preparatory Academy for the purpose of enhancing its food service program. As a result of the transfer, the Academy recognized a loss of \$347,861 on the statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, for the transfer of its food service operations as a special item. The Academy reported revenues and expenditures as disclosed on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the food service activity within the school service fund.

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**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
GENERAL FUND  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Under) Over Final Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
State aid	\$ 6,563,931	\$ 6,336,535	\$ 6,335,437	\$ (1,098)
Other state sources	730,548	491,488	452,530	(38,958)
Local sources	-	220,250	247,567	27,317
Federal sources	2,164,343	1,539,631	1,789,978	250,347
Private sources	53,100	49,675	65,357	15,682
Total revenues	<u>9,511,922</u>	<u>8,637,579</u>	<u>8,890,869</u>	<u>253,290</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES - Contracted service fee:</b>				
Instruction:				
Basic instruction	3,661,867	3,439,567	3,209,425	(230,142)
Added needs	1,249,551	1,030,162	1,366,232	336,070
Support services:				
Pupil services	463,682	283,341	347,668	64,327
Instructional staff services	1,062,002	897,803	906,980	9,177
General Administration	294,650	323,636	339,421	15,785
School Administration	514,924	562,201	580,126	17,925
Business & Internal Services	48,073	134,858	147,751	12,893
Central services	224,208	363,229	420,442	57,213
Pupil transportation services	9,900	7,090	2,314	(4,776)
Pupil Activities	11,939	25,239	26,684	1,445
Operations and maintenance	1,887,725	1,506,619	1,471,387	(35,232)
Community Activities	83,401	71,430	72,353	923
Welfare Activities	-	56	56	-
Total expenditures	<u>9,511,922</u>	<u>8,645,231</u>	<u>8,890,839</u>	<u>245,608</u>
REVENUES (UNDER) OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,652)</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>7,682</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	(7,652)	30	7,682
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of year	<u>67,532</u>	<u>67,532</u>	<u>67,532</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - End of year	<u>\$ 67,532</u>	<u>\$ 59,880</u>	<u>\$ 67,562</u>	<u>\$ 7,682</u>

**DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
 SCHOOL SERVICE FUND  
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Under) Over Final Budget</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Other state sources	\$ 6,417	\$ 11,505	\$ -	\$ (11,505)
Federal sources	435,439	455,378	819	(454,559)
Private sources	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(500)</u>
Total revenues	441,856	467,383	819	(466,564)
<b>EXPENDITURES - Contracted service fee:</b>				
Operations and maintenance	-	1,400	-	(1,400)
Food services	<u>404,132</u>	<u>473,184</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>(472,556)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>404,132</u>	<u>474,584</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>(473,956)</u>
<b>REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	37,724	(7,201)	191	7,392
<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>				
Transfer of operations	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(347,861)</u>	<u>(347,861)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	37,724	(7,201)	(347,670)	(340,469)
<b>FUND BALANCE - Beginning of year</b>	<u>347,670</u>	<u>347,670</u>	<u>347,670</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE - End of year</b>	<u>\$ 385,394</u>	<u>\$ 340,469</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (340,469)</u>

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**



# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES — GENERAL FUND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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State aid	\$	6,335,437
Other state sources:		
Special education		89,713
At-risk		335,313
Grants		<u>27,504</u>
Total		452,530
Federal sources — grants		1,789,978
Private sources — other		65,357
Local sources		<u>247,567</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u><u>8,890,869</u></u>



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

To the Board of Education of  
Detroit Merit Charter Academy  
Detroit, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund and remaining fund information of Detroit Merit Charter Academy (the Academy) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 1, 2023.

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Academy's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the 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 Academy's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy'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 Academy'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 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 significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an  
Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance  
With Government Auditing Standards  
(Continued)**

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Academy's financial statements are free of 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and is reported as item 2023-001.

Academy's Response to Finding

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Academy's response to findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Academy's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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

*Alan C. Young, Assoc.*

Detroit, Michigan  
November 1, 2023

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Education of  
Detroit Merit Charter Academy  
Detroit, Michigan

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

#### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We have audited Detroit Merit Charter Academy's, (the Academy) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Academy's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Academy's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Academy complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

#### ***Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Academy and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Academy's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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

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

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance  
for Each Major Program and on Internal Control  
over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance  
(Continued)**

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

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

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

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

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

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance  
for Each Major Program and on Internal Control  
over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance  
(Continued)**

**Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Alan C. Young, Assoc.*

Detroit, Michigan  
November 1, 2023

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2023

Program Title/Project Number/Subrecipient Name	Grant/Project Number	Assistance Listing Number	Approved Awards Amount	(Memo Only) Prior Year Expenditures	Accrued Revenue at July 1, 2022	Adjustments and Transfers	Federal Funds/ Payments In-kind Received	Expenditures	Accrued Revenue at June 30, 2023	Current Year Cash Transferred to Subrecipient
Clusters:										
Child Nutrition Cluster - U.S. Department of Agriculture - Passed through the Michigan Department of Education:										
Cash Assistance:										
Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Lunch 21-22	221961	10.555	\$ 280,915	\$ 280,915	\$ 28,739	\$ -	\$ 28,739	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Breakfast 21-22	221971	10.553	93,387	93,387	7,790	-	7,790	-	-	-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			374,302	374,302	36,529	-	36,529	-	-	-
Special Education Cluster - U.S. Department of Education - Passed through the Kent ISD:										
IDEA Flowthrough:										
IDEA Flowthrough 21-22	220450	84.027	161,935	170,154	170,154	-	161,665	-	8,489	-
IDEA Flowthrough 22-23	230450	84.027	115,751	-	-	-	115,751	115,751	-	-
Total IDEA Flowthrough		84.027	277,686	170,154	170,154	-	277,416	115,751	8,489	-
Total Special Education Cluster			277,686	170,154	170,154	-	277,416	115,751	8,489	-
Total Cluster Programs			651,988	544,456	206,683	-	313,945	115,751	8,489	-
Other federal awards:										
Passed through the Michigan Department of Education:										
Title I Part A:										
Title I Part A 21-22	221530	84.010	401,503	335,245	126,524	-	143,278	16,754	-	-
Title I Part A 22-23	231530	84.010	430,648	-	-	-	289,323	368,744	79,421	-
Total Title I Part A		84.010	832,151	335,245	126,524	-	432,601	385,498	79,421	-
Title II Part A - Improving Teacher Quality:										
Title II Part A 21-22	220520	84.367	46,548	31,794	-	-	-	-	-	-
Title II Part A 22-23	230520	84.367	59,402	-	-	-	3,135	3,821	686	-
Total Title II Part A		84.367	105,950	31,794	-	-	3,135	3,821	686	-
Title IV Part A - Improving Teacher Quality:										
Title IV Part A 21-22	220750	84.424	27,273	6,505	-	-	-	-	-	-
Title IV Part A 22-23	230750	84.424	48,268	-	-	-	27,423	36,764	9,341	-
Total Title IV Part A		84.424	75,541	6,505	-	-	27,423	36,764	9,341	-
Education Stabilization Fund Program - U.S. Department of Education Passed through Michigan Department of Education										
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund I	203710	84.425D	309,064	235,258	25,895	-	99,701	73,806	-	-
COVID-19 ESSER Education Equity Fund I	203720	84.425D	55,631	53,513	(2,809)	-	2,117	4,899	(27)	-
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund II	213712	84.425D	591,902	225,487	39,920	-	577,801	547,616	9,735	-
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund III	213713	84.425U	1,330,271	182,850	31,898	-	594,131	566,038	3,805	-
COVID-19 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)	201200	84.425C	54,482	29,356	3,347	-	24,562	21,215	-	-
Total Education Stabilization Fund Program		84.425	2,341,350	726,464	98,251	-	1,298,312	1,213,574	13,513	-
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Passed through the Michigan Department of Education:										
COVID-19 Pandemic EBT Local Level Costs	220980	10.649	628	-	-	-	628	628	-	-
Total noncluster programs passed through the Michigan Department of Education			3,355,620	1,100,008	224,775	-	1,762,099	1,640,285	102,961	-
Total federal awards			\$ 4,007,608	\$ 1,644,464	\$ 431,458	\$ -	\$ 2,076,044	\$ 1,756,036	\$ 111,450	\$ -

See notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards



# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

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## Reconciliation of Basic financial Statements Federal Revenue with Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2023

Revenue from Federal Sources – as reported on financial Statements (Includes all funds)	\$	1,790,797
Revenue not meeting availability criteria is not recorded as revenue in the funds but is included in the SEFA.		63,801
Revenue Reported in the Governmental Funds as available and measurable - reported in the SEFA in Prior Year		<u>(98,562)</u>
Federal Expenditures per the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards	\$	<u>1,756,036</u>

See notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

# **DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY**

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## **Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2023**

### **1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Detroit Merit Charter Academy (the Academy). The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Academy and therefore it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Academy for year ended June 30, 2023. Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. In addition, expenditures reported on the schedule are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

### **2) GRANT AUDITOR REPORT**

Management has utilized the Grant Auditor Report in preparing the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. Unreconciled differences, if any, have been disclosed to the auditor.

### **3) INDIRECT COST RATE**

The Academy has elected not to use 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

### **4) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

All subsequent events related to the major programs were evaluated through November 1, 2023, the date the accompanying reports were available to be issued. No significant event was noted that required adjustment or disclosure in the report.

# DETROIT MERIT CHARTER ACADEMY

## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost Year Ended June 30, 2023

### SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

#### Financial Statements

Type of Auditor’s Report Issued: Unmodified

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

Material Weakness (es) Identified?	<u>          </u> Yes	<u>  X  </u> No
Significant Deficiencies Identified?	<u>          </u> Yes	<u>  X  </u> No
Non-Compliance Material to Financial Statements noted?	<u>  X  </u> Yes	<u>          </u> No

#### Federal Awards

Internal Control over Major Programs:

Material Weakness (es) Identified?	<u>          </u> Yes	<u>  X  </u> No
Significant Deficiencies Identified?	<u>          </u> Yes	<u>  X  </u> None Reported

Type of Auditor’s Report issued on Compliance for Major Programs: Unmodified

Any Audit Findings Disclosed that is Required to be Reported in Accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?            Yes   X   No

#### Identification of Major Programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.425	Education Stabilization Fund Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and B programs: \$750,000

Auditee Qualified as Low Risk Auditee?   X   Yes            No

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## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Cost (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2023

### SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT FINDINGS

Reference Number	Findings
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**2023-001**      **Finding Type – Noncompliance with Laws and Regulations**

**Condition and Description** – For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Academy's expenses exceeded the final budgeted level for the categories shown in the following table. Additionally, total expenditures exceeded the final budgeted level by \$245,608. Expenditures in excess of budgeted amounts are a violation of State law.

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	(Under) Over Final Budget
EXPENDITURES - Contracted service fee:				
Instruction:				
Added needs	\$ 1,249,551	\$ 1,030,162	\$ 1,366,232	\$ 336,070
Support services:				
Pupil services	463,682	283,341	347,668	64,327
Instructional staff services	1,062,002	897,803	906,980	9,177
General Administration	294,650	323,636	339,421	15,785
School Administration	514,924	562,201	580,126	17,925
Business & Internal Services	48,073	134,858	147,751	12,893
Central services	224,208	363,229	420,442	57,213
Pupil Activities	11,939	25,239	26,684	1,445
Community Activities	83,401	71,430	72,353	923

**Identification of a Repeat Finding** – This is not a repeat finding from the immediate previous audit.

**Recommendation** – We recommend the Academy monitor variances between actual and budgeted figures for expenditures.

**View of Responsible Officials and Corrective Action Plan** – The Academy agrees with this finding. Although the Academy's expenses exceeded the final budget, actual revenues also exceeded the budget. The Academy will closely monitor expenses in the future.

### SECTION III – FEDERAL PROGRAM AUDIT FINDINGS

None

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Status of Prior Year Findings  
Year Ended June 30, 2023

## SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT FINDINGS

Reference Number	Findings
2022-001	<p><b>Finding Type</b> – Noncompliance with Laws and Regulations</p> <p><b>Condition and Description</b> – All school audits are required by the State School Aid Act MCL 388.1618 to be submitted by November 1. The audit was delayed and submitted after the due date.</p> <p><b>Status</b> – No such finding was noted in fiscal year 2023.</p>

## SECTION III – FEDERAL PROGRAM AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no federal program audit findings for the year ended June 30, 2022.