

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 Year Ended June 30, 2023, and Independent Auditor's Reports



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Paramount Charter Academy

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Paramount 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 Paramount Charter Academy'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 Paramount Charter Academy as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in its 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 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 12 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.



To the Board of Directors Paramount Charter Academy

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
 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 the budgetary comparison schedules 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, which 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 Paramount Charter Academy's basic financial statements. The reconciliation of basic financial statements federal revenue with schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the "Uniform Guidance"), are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 reconciliation of basic financial statements federal revenue with schedule of expenditures of federal awards and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

To the Board of Directors
Paramount Charter Academy

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the basic financial statements. The other information comprises the statement of revenues - General Fund but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements or whether the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 24, 2023 on our consideration of Paramount Charter Academy's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Paramount Charter 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 Paramount Charter Academy's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

October 24, 2023

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

This section of the annual financial report for Paramount 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)

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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:

	2023	2022
Assets - current	\$ 934,679	\$ 1,158,351
Liabilities - current	 841,835	 853,754
Net position:		
Restricted - School Service Fund	-	194,016
Unrestricted	 92,844	 110,581
Total net position	\$ 92,844	\$ 304,597

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:

		2023		2022
Revenues:				
State aid	\$	3,381,383	\$	3,766,665
Operating grants		2,200,914		2,057,221
Charges for services		-		14
Private sources - NHA		1,409,736	_	1,229,628
Total revenues		6,992,033		7,053,528
Expenses—				
Contracted service fee:				
Instruction		2,761,277		2,714,351
Support services		4,245,707		3,998,788
Food services	_	628		276,300
Total expenses		7,007,612		6,989,439
SPECIAL ITEM - Transfer of operations		(196,174)		-
Change in net position	\$	(211,753)	\$	64,089

As reported in the Statement of Activities, the cost of governmental activities was \$7,007,612. 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. *Revenues – Private Sources – NHA* represent a contribution granted by NHA for excess Academy expenditures over public revenues available.

The Academy experienced a decrease in net position of \$211,753 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.

Effective July 1, 2022, food service operations of the Academy were transferred to a designated School Food Authority (SFA) under an Alternate Agreement, and the Academy relinquished authority over its food service operations to the SFA. Center Line Preparatory Academy has been named the SFA for purposes of consolidating food services. Substantially all School Services Fund revenues and expenses will be recognized by the SFA rather than the Academy during fiscal year 2022-2023 under the terms of the Alternate Agreement. Accumulated fund balance and net position was transferred to the SFA during the year ended June 30, 2023.

The School Services Fund's original and final budgets for the year ended June 30, 2023 include activity recognized by the SFA related to the Academy's food service operation.

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 \$92,844 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 \$156,908 from the original budget. Revenues were changed to reflect the following:

State Aid Decrease
Other State Sources Decrease
Interdistrict Sources Decrease
Federal Sources Increase
Private Sources Decrease
Private Sources - NHA Increase

Budgeted expenditures for the General Fund were decreased by \$146,983. 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).

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 55% 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.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	Governmental Activities
CURRENT ASSETS: Cash Due from governmental revenue sources	\$ 98,168 836,511
TOTAL	\$ 934,679
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	
LIABILITIES: Unearned revenue Contracted service fee payable	\$ 361,667 480,168
Total liabilities	841,835
NET POSITION: Unrestricted	92,844
TOTAL	\$ 934,679

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

				Program	ı Re	venues	Ne	overnmental Activities et (Expense) evenue and
				Charges for		Operating		Changes in
ELINOTIONO (PROOPANO		Expenses		Services		Grants	N	et Position
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS — Contracted service fee:								
Instruction	\$	2,761,277	\$	_	. \$	734,681	\$	(2,026,596)
Support services	Ψ	4,245,707	Ψ		. Ψ	1,465,605	Ψ	(2,780,102)
Food services		628			· _	628		-
Total governmental activities	\$	7,007,612	\$		· \$	2,200,914		(4,806,698)
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUES:								
State aid unrestricted								3,381,383
Private sources - NHA								1,409,736
Total general purpose revenue								4,791,119
SPECIAL ITEM - Transfer of operations								(196,174)
CHANGE IN NET POSITION								(211,753)
NET POSITION:								
Beginning of year								304,597
End of year							\$	92,844

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		General Fund	S	chool ervice Fund	Gov	Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash Due from governmental revenue sources	\$	98,168 836,511	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	98,168 836,511
TOTAL	\$	934,679	\$		\$	934,679
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
LIABILITIES: Unearned revenue Contracted service fee payable	\$	361,667 464,514	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	361,667 464,514
Total liabilities		826,181				826,181
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES: Unavailable revenue		15,654				15,654
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources		841,835				841,835
FUND BALANCE:						
Committed		19,162		-		19,162
Unassigned		73,682		-		73,682
Total fund balance		92,844				92,844
TOTAL	\$	934,679	\$		\$	934,679
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Fund to the Statement of Net Position	s					
Total governmental fund balance					\$	92,844
Due from governmental revenue sources not available to pay current period expenditures therefore deferred in the funds Contracted service fee payable not due and payable in						15,654
the current period and not reported in the funds						(15,654)
Net position of governmental activities					\$	92,844

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

	General Fund		School Service Fund	Gov	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES:					
State aid	\$ 3,381,383	\$	_	\$	3,381,383
Other state sources	794,458		1,803	Ψ	796,261
Federal sources	998,942		983		999,925
Private sources	11,496		-		11,496
Interdistrict sources	436,537		_		436,537
Private sources - NHA	1,409,736		_		1,409,736
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Total revenues	7,032,552	! <u> </u>	2,786		7,035,338
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EXPENDITURES — Contracted service fee:	0 -04 0				
Instruction	2,761,277		-		2,761,277
Support services	4,289,012		-		4,289,012
Food services		_	628		628
Total expenditures	7,050,289		628		7,050,917
REVENUES (UNDER) OVER EXPENDITURES	(17,737	·)	2,158		(15,579)
SPECIAL ITEM - Transfer of operations			(196,174)		(196,174)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(17,737	·)	(194,016)		(211,753)
FUND BALANCE — Beginning of year	110,581		194,016		304,597
FUND BALANCE — End of year	\$ 92,844	\$		\$	92,844
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of	_			•	(044.750)
Net change in fund balance — total governmental funds Revenue reported in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources and are not reported as				\$	(211,753)
revenue in the governmental funds					15,654
measurable — reported in the statement of activities in prior y Contracted service fee recognized consistent with the revenue	rears				(58,959)
policy					43,305
Change in net position of governmental activities				\$	(211,753)

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

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Paramount 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 Bay Mills Community College, which is responsible for oversight of the Academy's operations. The charter contract expires June 30, 2028 and is subject to renewal. Bay Mills Community College 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 Bay Mills Community College Board of Trustees was \$121,847.

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 2021 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. *Revenues – Private Sources – NHA* represent a contribution granted by NHA for excess Academy expenditures over public revenues available. Per the Academy's management agreement with NHA, although not required, NHA may make contributions to the Academy in the event that Academy expenditures are in excess of revenue. The management agreement's term coincides with the charter agreement, which expires June 30, 2028.

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.

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds include all activities that provide general governmental services that are not business-type activities. Governmental funds can include the General Fund, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital project funds, and permanent funds. The Academy's funds, which are major funds, are the General Fund and the School Service Fund.

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.

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 \$15,654 and a liability for unearned revenue was recognized for \$361,667.

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 \$19,162 in committed fund balance and \$73,682 in unassigned fund balance. The committed fund balance has been committed by resolutions of the Board of Directors for student, parent and staff appreciation, athletics, and board training and development.

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 \$156,908 and \$146,983, respectively, and to decrease budgeted revenues and increase expenditures for the School Service Fund by (\$10,368) and \$35,146, respectively.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Academy incurred expenditures within the General fund which were significantly in excess of amounts budgeted for General Administration with a final budget and actual amount of \$211,633 and \$242,501, respectively. The Academy also incurred expenditures within the General Fund which were significantly in excess of amounts budgeted for Central Services with a final budget and actual amount of \$180,475 and \$219,713, respectively.

3. DUE FROM GOVERNMENTAL REVENUE SOURCES

Receivables as of June 30, 2023 for the Academy included \$647,968 in state aid receivable, \$87,706 in other state sources, \$55,324 in federal grants receivable, and \$45,513 in interdistrict receivables. 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. LEASES

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 \$736,480 payable in twelve monthly payments of \$61,373. 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.

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 \$196,174 on the Statement of Activities and on the 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

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

	Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Final Budget
REVENUES:	 			
State aid	\$ 3,983,025	3,381,383	3,381,383	-
Other state sources	631,485	463,426	794,458	331,032
Interdistrict sources	447,438	358,294	436,537	78,243
Federal sources	965,164	1,164,169	998,942	(165,227)
Private sources	21,600	16,526	11,496	(5,030)
Private sources - NHA	1,343,737	1,851,743	1,409,736	(442,007)
Total revenues	7,392,449	7,235,541	7,032,552	(202,989)
EXPENDITURES - Contracted service fee: Instruction:				
Basic instruction	2,312,861	2,019,477	1,830,293	(189, 184)
Added needs	787,765	940,304	930,984	(9,320)
Support services:				
Pupil services	631,110	494,877	507,129	12,252
Instructional staff services	762,632	712,695	741,926	29,231
General Administration	226,144	211,633	242,501	30,868
School Administration	709,425	695,188	699,625	4,437
Business & Internal Services	42,478	91,246	91,320	74
Central services	177,495	180,475	219,713	39,238
Pupil transportation services	487,692	611,558	520,572	(90,986)
Pupil Activities	4,867	31,660	24,269	(7,391)
Operations and maintenance	1,223,927	1,179,861	1,165,826	(14,035)
Community Activities	26,053	76,492	76,131	(361)
Total expenditures	 7,392,449	7,245,466	7,050,289	(195,177)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	-	(9,925)	(17,737)	(7,812)
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of year	 110,581	110,581	110,581	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - End of year	\$ 110,581	100,656	92,844	(7,812)

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

		Original Budget	Final Amended Budget	Actual		(Under) Over Final Budget
REVENUES:		_	_	_		
Other state sources	\$	4,506	\$ 3,741	\$ 1,803	\$	(1,938)
Federal sources		303,012	292,309	983		(291,326)
Private sources		-	1,100	-		(1,100)
Total revenues		307,518	 297,150	 2,786		(294,364)
EXPENDITURES - Contracted service fee: Food services		281,683	 316,829	 628		(316,201)
REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		25,835	(19,679)	2,158		21,837
SPECIAL ITEMS - Transfer of operations			 <u>-</u>	 (196,174)	_	(196,174)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE		25,835	(19,679)	(194,016)		(174,337)
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of year	_	194,016	 194,016	 194,016	_	
FUND BALANCE - End of year	\$	219,851	\$ 174,337	\$ 	\$	(174,337)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

State aid	\$ 3,381,383
Other state sources: Special education At-risk Grants	 489,227 279,841 25,390
Total	794,458
Federal sources — grants	998,942
Private sources — other	11,496
Interdistrict sources	436,537
Private sources — NHA	 1,409,736
TOTAL	\$ 7,032,552



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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 Management and the Board of Directors Paramount Charter Academy

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the governmental activites and the major funds of Paramount Charter Academy (the "Academy") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and the related notes to the basic financial statements, which collectively comprise the Academy's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 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 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 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 Academy'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*.



To Management and the Board of Directors Paramount Charter Academy

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.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

October 24, 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance
Required by the Uniform Guidance

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Paramount Charter Academy

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Paramount Charter Academy's (the "Academy") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on the Academy's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Academy's major federal program is 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 compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on themajor federal program 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 (GAAS); 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* (the "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 program.



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 GAAS, *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 GAAS, 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.

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.

To the Board of Directors
Paramount Charter Academy

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.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

October 24, 2023

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	\$ 171,375	\$ 171,375	\$ 10,571	\$ -	\$ 10,571	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Seamless Summer Option (SSO) - Breakfast 21-22	221971	10.553	70,926	70,926	4,051		4,051			
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			242,301	242,301	14,622	-	14,622	-	-	-
U.S. Department of Education - Passed through the Michigan Department of Education: Title I Part A:										
Title I Part A 21-22	221530	84.010	272,861	266,029	59,454	-	49,470	-	9,984	-
Title I Part A 22-23	231530	84.010	248,988				194,634	212,205	17,571	
Total Title I Part A		84.010	521,849	266,029	59,454	-	244,104	212,205	27,555	-
Title II Part A - Improving Teacher Quality:										
Title II Part A 20-21	210520	84.367	32,953	19,431	362	(362)	-	-	-	-
Title II Part A 21-22	220520	84.367	42,683	36,534	2,738	-	7,031	4,293	-	-
Title II Part A 22-23	230520	84.367	30,703				30,305	30,341	36	
Total Title II Part A		84.367	106,339	55,965	3,100	(362)	37,336	34,634	36	-
Title IV Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment:										
Title IV Part A 22-23	230750	84.424	18,841	-	-	-	16,335	17,374	1,039	-
Education Stabilization Fund Program										
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund I	203710	84.425D	197,541	184,404	2,668	-	15,805	13,137	-	-
COVID-19 ESSER Education Equity Fund I	203720	84.425D	29,631	28,786	-	-	845	845	-	-
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund II	213712	84.425D	707,393	289,042	9,978	-	380,148	378,578	8,408	-
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund III	213713	84.425U	1,589,836	297,047	297,047	-	561,302	282,541	18,286	-
COVID-19 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)	201200	84.425C	39,930	24,443			13,266	13,266		
Total Education Stabilization Fund Program		84.425	2,564,331	823,722	309,693	-	971,366	688,367	26,694	-
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			3,211,988	1,145,716	372,247	(362)	1,269,769	953,208	55,324	
Total federal awards			\$ 3,454,289	\$ 1,388,017	\$ 386,869	\$ (362)	\$ 1,284,391	\$ 953,208	\$ 55,324	\$ -

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)	\$ 999,925
Revenue reported in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources and is not reported as revenue in the governmental funds	10,439
Revenue reported in the governmental funds as available and measurable – Reported in the statement of activities in the prior year	<u>(57,156)</u>
Federal expenditures per the schedule of expenditures of federal awards	\$ 953,208

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

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of Paramount Charter Academy (the "Academy") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (the "Uniform Guidance"). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Academy, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the Academy.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported in the Schedule are reported on the same basis of accounting as the basic financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

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

Note 3 - Grant Auditor Report

Management has utilized the Michigan Department of Education NexSys Grant Auditor Report (GAR) in preparing the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Differences, if any, between the GAR and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards relate to the timing of payments and the fiscal year in which the payments relate.

Note 4 – Adjustments and Transfers

During the year ended June 30, 2023, there was an adjustment within the Title II Part A 20-21 (ALN 84.367) for (\$362).

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs 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? 	Yes	X No			
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified the not considered to be material weakne 	Yes	X None reported			
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		Yes	X None reported		
Federal Awards					
Internal control over major programs:					
 Material weakness(es) identified? 		Yes	X No		
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified the not considered to be material weakne 	Yes	X None reported			
Type of auditor's report issued on complian					
Any audit findings disclosed that are require accordance with Section 2 CFR 200.516	X No				
Identification of major programs:					
ALN Number	Name of Federal P	rogram or Cluster	Opinion		
84.425	Education Stab	Education Stabilization Fund			
Dollar threshold used to distinguish betwee type A and type B programs:					
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		XYes	No		
Section II - Financial Statement	t Audit Findings		Questioned		
Reference Number	Finding		Costs		
Current Year None					
Section III - Federal Program A	udit Findings				
			Questioned		
Reference Number	Finding		Costs		
Current Year None					