

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

Financial Statements, Additional
Information, and Federal Awards
Supplementary Information as of and for the
Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, and
Independent Auditor's Reports

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

Report on the Audits of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the related statements of activities and change in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits 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 Audits of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the School and to meet our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that audits 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 Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

In performing audits in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.
- 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 audits in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School's basic financial statements. 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"), and supplemental New York State Education Department schedule of functional expenses, as identified in the table of contents, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

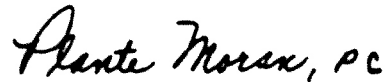
The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The supplemental New York State Education Department schedule of functional expenses has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

To the Board of Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 12, 2023 on our consideration of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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October 12, 2023

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 14,268	\$ 30,194
Prepaid expenses	406	-
Due from governmental revenue sources	<u>706,764</u>	<u>549,356</u>
Total current assets	721,438	579,550
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:		
Capital assets, net	-	-
Restricted cash	<u>78,657</u>	<u>77,310</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 800,095</u>	<u>\$ 656,860</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES:		
Deferred revenue	\$ 101,112	\$ 123,471
Accounts payable	5,911	14,497
Contracted service fee payable	<u>501,700</u>	<u>367,480</u>
Total liabilities	608,723	505,448
NET ASSETS - Net Assets without donor restriction	<u>191,372</u>	<u>151,412</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 800,095</u>	<u>\$ 656,860</u>

See notes to financial statements

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT - Without donor restriction:		
Public School District		
Resident Student Enrollment	\$ 10,423,028	\$ 10,644,916
Students with Disabilities	958,194	1,062,696
Grants and contracts, and other:		
Federal - Title, IDEA, and ESSER	1,424,005	858,439
Other	56,591	40,438
Child Nutrition Program - Federal	607,507	480,619
Child Nutrition Program - State	<u>11,278</u>	<u>8,971</u>
Total revenues, gains and other support	13,480,603	13,096,079
EXPENSES:		
Contracted service fee:		
Program services	12,111,485	10,363,493
Management and general	1,293,641	2,565,022
Board funds	35,517	41,524
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>883</u>
Total expenses	<u>13,440,643</u>	<u>12,970,922</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS - Without donor restriction	39,960	125,157
NET ASSETS - Without donor restriction		
Beginning of year	<u>151,412</u>	<u>26,255</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 191,372</u>	<u>\$ 151,412</u>

See notes to financial statements.

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
State aid	\$ 11,403,490	\$ 11,750,391
Other state sources	(33,497)	8,782
Federal sources	1,880,754	1,582,028
Private sources	50,089	45,643
Payments for services rendered	<u>(13,315,415)</u>	<u>(13,383,125)</u>
 Net Cash (Used In) Provided by Operating Activities	 <u>(14,579)</u>	 <u>3,719</u>
 NET CHANGE IN CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH	 (14,579)	 3,719
 CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH - Beginning of year	 <u>107,504</u>	 <u>103,785</u>
 CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH - End of year	 <u>\$ 92,925</u>	 <u>\$ 107,504</u>

See notes to financial statements.

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School (the “School”) is a public charter school as defined by Article 56 of the New York State Education Law which provides education based on rigorous teaching methods, parental involvement, student responsibility, and basic moral values. The School operates under a charter approved by the State University of New York Charter School Institute, which is responsible for oversight of the School’s operations. The charter expires July 31, 2028 and is subject to renewal. The School provides education, at no cost to the parent, to students in kindergarten through the eighth grade. Enrollment is open to all appropriately aged children without regard to gender, ethnic background, disability, and/or religious affiliation. The School is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3).

The School’s primary source of revenue is provided by the State of New York and consists of an amount per student multiplied by weighted average student counts.

The Board of Trustees of the School has entered into a management 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 School operates. The agreement will continue until termination or expiration of the charter, unless at least 90 days written notice of intent to terminate or renegotiate is given by either the School 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 School from all revenue sources and NHA pays the Board of Directors an amount equal to the lesser of two percent of state per pupil aid or \$35,000. These funds are property of the School and may be used by the School at the discretion of the board.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting — The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America for not-for-profit organizations.

Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect 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 and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash — Cash as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 represents bank deposits which are covered by federal depository insurance.

Restricted Cash — Under the requirements of NYSED, the School has agreed to establish a reserve cash account and maintain a minimum balance of \$75,000. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, \$78,657 and \$77,310, respectively, of cash is restricted for that purpose. In the event of dissolution of the School, the reserve cash account would be used to pay for legal and audit expenses associated with the dissolution.

Prepaid Expense – Prepaid expenses consists of amounts paid to NHA which reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years.

Deferred Revenue — Deferred revenue as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 consists of grant funds received for services which have not yet been performed. The School received cost-reimbursable grants of \$177,982 and \$241,703 for June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, that are conditioned upon incurring eligible expenditures for which \$200,341 and \$120,010 of revenue was recognized at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, \$101,112 and \$123,471, respectively, have not yet been recognized as revenue.

Contracted Service Fee Payable — Contracted service fee payable represents a timing difference between funds received from governmental sources and amounts payable to NHA in accordance with the services agreement.

Capital Assets — Capital assets, which include other equipment, are reported at historical cost. Capital assets are defined by the School as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

Other equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over useful lives of 3-10 years.

The Financial Statements — The financial statements are presented as follows:

Net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

- *Net Assets without Donor Restriction* — Net assets which are not subject to donor imposed or governmental stipulations. Net assets in this category may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the School.
- *Net Assets with Donor Restrictions* – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, no net assets are considered to be with donor restrictions.

Revenues and contributions are reported as follows:

- Revenues, gains and other support are reported as increases in net assets without donor restriction unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed or governmental restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restriction. Other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restriction unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or governmental restriction. Expiration of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated

purposes has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

- Revenue from the state and local capitation is recognized over the period earned, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants are recognized as revenue as eligibility requirements are met, the related expenses are incurred, or services performed, in accordance with terms of the respective grant or contract agreement.

Income Taxes — The School operates as a nonprofit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The School has received notification from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that they are considered exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code.

Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes has been made.

Contribution of Nonfinancial Assets – Included as revenue, gains, and other support in the Statement of Activities are contributions of nonfinancial assets also known as gifts in-kind. Contributed professional services are recognized if the services received a) create or enhance non-financial assets or b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. These services are recognized as program revenue and expense and are valued at the estimated fair market value for the services as provided by the donor. There were no contributions of nonfinancial assets during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

3. DUE FROM GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES

Receivables as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 for the School included \$76,925 and \$42,048 in state aid receivable, respectively, \$621,301 and \$495,714 in federal grants receivable, respectively, and \$8,538 and \$11,594 in other receivables, respectively. The School considers all receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts is recorded.

4. LIQUIDITY

The School has \$721,032 and \$579,550 of financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet cash needs for general expenditures consisting of cash of \$14,268 and \$30,194, and amounts due from governmental revenue sources of \$706,764 and \$549,356 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the balance sheet date.

The School has a goal to maintain financial assets, which consist of cash and short-term receivables on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses, which are, on average, approximately \$2,240,000 and \$2,162,000 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

While the School does not currently carry financial assets in excess of 60 days of normal operating expenses, due to their management agreement with NHA, NHA is required make contributions to the School if the School's expenditures exceed the school's revenue during the year.

5. FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The School provides educational services to its students. Expenses related to providing these services are as follows for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Program services		
Contracted service fee	\$ 12,111,485	\$ 10,363,493
Board expenses	35,517	41,524
Depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>883</u>
Total program services	12,147,002	10,405,900
Management and general - Contracted Service Fee	1,293,641	2,565,022
Total	<u>\$ 13,440,643</u>	<u>\$ 12,970,922</u>

The costs of providing the program and support services are allocated on an actual basis, when possible. Certain expenses attributable to more than one function and require an allocation, which is based on estimates determined by management, is consistently applied. Management and general expenses consist of expenditures incurred by the School based on their usage of management company services. Usage of management company services are calculated on a variety of different allocation methods based on various cost centers, including number of classrooms, number of students, and services provided. Although the methods of allocation used are considered appropriate, other methods could be used that would produce different allocations.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School 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 or 2022, and claims did not exceed coverage less retained risk deductible amounts in the past fiscal year.

7. CONTINGENCIES

The School 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.

8. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the school was as follows:

Year Ended June 30, 2023	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Equipment	\$ 105,813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,813
Less accumulated depreciation — equipment	<u>105,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,813</u>
Total capital asset activity, net	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Year Ended June 30, 2022	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Equipment	\$ 105,813	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,813
Less accumulated depreciation — equipment	<u>104,930</u>	<u>883</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,813</u>
Total capital asset activity, net	<u>\$ 883</u>	<u>\$ (883)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

9. LEASES

The School has entered into a sublease agreement with NHA for a facility to house the School. The lease term is from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Annual rental payments required by the lease were \$2,314,512 payable in twelve monthly payments of \$192,876. This lease is automatically renewed on a year-to-year basis unless a notice of non-renewal is provided by either the School or NHA.

The School is not a party to any leasing arrangements that meet the criteria for recognition of lease assets or liabilities under FASB ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* based on the noncancellable period being less than twelve months and applicability of the short-term lease exception for the facility lease agreement.

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

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events or transactions for the year ended June 30, 2023 have been evaluated through October 12, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The financial statements and the notes thereto do not reflect events or transactions after this date.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

**NEW YORK STATE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 WITH COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	2023						2022	
	Program Services			Supporting Services			Total	
	Regular Education	Special Education	Total	Fund-raising	Management and General	Total		
Personnel Services Costs								
Administrative Staff Personnel	\$ 1,033,698	\$ -	\$ 1,033,698	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,033,698	\$ 597,065
Instructional Personnel	4,048,929	862,801	4,911,730	-	-	-	4,911,730	3,610,292
Total Salaries and Staff	5,082,627	862,801	5,945,428	-	-	-	5,945,428	4,414,535
Fringe Benefits & Payroll Taxes	699,904	124,191	824,095	-	-	-	824,095	732,858
Retirement	98,187	18,288	116,475	-	-	-	116,475	92,645
Legal Service	6,264	-	6,264	-	-	-	6,264	14,822
Accounting / Audit Services	-	-	-	-	90,422	90,422	90,422	261,294
Other Purchased / Professional / Consulting Services	242,837	129,663	372,500	-	252,823	252,823	625,323	1,605,755
Building and Land Rent / Lease	1,973,496	516,720	2,490,216	-	-	-	2,490,216	2,383,094
Repairs & Maintenance	199,619	52,266	251,885	-	14,377	14,377	266,262	358,479
Insurance	45,715	11,969	57,684	-	-	-	57,684	45,382
Utilities	171,824	44,988	216,812	-	-	-	216,812	218,338
Supplies / Materials	298,898	-	298,898	-	-	-	298,898	277,317
Equipment / Furnishings	198,986	52,101	251,087	-	-	-	251,087	187,197
Staff Development	90,608	6	90,614	-	-	-	90,614	39,942
Marketing / Recruitment	-	-	-	-	359,945	359,945	359,945	709,142
Technology	187,229	32,360	219,589	-	250,761	250,761	470,350	534,851
Food Service	542,009	-	542,009	-	-	-	542,009	345,597
Student Services	303,832	-	303,832	-	322,174	322,174	626,006	657,747
Office Expense	124,614	-	124,614	-	3,139	3,139	127,753	56,044
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	883
Other	35,000	-	35,000	-	-	-	35,000	35,000
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,301,649</u>	<u>\$ 1,845,353</u>	<u>\$ 12,147,002</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,293,641</u>	<u>\$ 1,293,641</u>	<u>\$ 13,440,643</u>	<u>\$ 12,970,922</u>

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 Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

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 Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and the related statements of activities and change in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 12, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

To Management and the Board of Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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October 12, 2023

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School's (the "School") 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 School's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023. The School'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 School complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major 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 School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

To the Board of Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

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 School's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 School'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 School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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.

Alante Morax, PC

October 12, 2023

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Program Title/Project Number/Subrecipient Name	Grant/Project Number	Assistance Listing Number	Expenditures	Current Year Cash Transferred to Subrecipient
Clusters:				
Child Nutrition Cluster - U.S. Department of Agriculture - Passed through the New York State Department of Education:				
Cash Assistance:				
National School Lunch Program 2022-2023		10.555	\$ 392,583	\$ -
After School Snack Program 2021 - 2022		10.555	891	-
After School Snack Program 2022 - 2023		10.555	28,666	-
Supply Chain Assistance 2022 - 2023		10.555	<u>28,066</u>	<u>-</u>
National School Lunch Program Subtotal		10.555	450,206	-
National School Breakfast Program 2022 - 2023		10.553	<u>157,301</u>	<u>-</u>
National School Breakfast Program Subtotal		10.553	157,301	-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			607,507	-
Special Education Cluster - U.S. Department of Education - Passed through the New York City School District:				
IDEA Flowthrough:				
IDEA Flowthrough 2023		84.027	<u>87,292</u>	<u>-</u>
Other federal awards:				
Passed through the New York State Department of Education:				
Title I Part A:				
Title I Part A 2022 - 2023	0021234232	84.010	<u>170,063</u>	<u>-</u>
Title II Part A - Improving Teacher Quality:				
Title II Part A 2022 - 2023	0147234232	84.367	<u>8,941</u>	<u>-</u>
Title IV - SSAE:				
Title IV 2022 - 2023	0204234232	84.424	<u>11,167</u>	<u>-</u>
Education Stabilization Fund Program - U.S. Department of Education Passed through New York State Department of Education				
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund I	5890214232	84.425D	15,105	-
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund II	5891214232	84.425D	155,110	-
COVID-19 ESSER Formula Fund III ARP	5880214232	84.425U	<u>975,699</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Education Stabilization Fund Program		84.425	1,145,914	-
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Passed through the New York State Department of Education:				
COVID-19 Pandemic EBT Local Level Costs		10.649	<u>628</u>	<u>-</u>
Total noncluster programs passed through the New York State Department of Education			<u>1,336,713</u>	<u>-</u>
Total federal awards			<u>\$ 2,031,512</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

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 Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School (the "School") 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 School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the School.

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.

The School 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 Federal/State Grant Payments – End of Year Report as published by the New York State Education Department in preparing the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. Unreconciled differences, if any, have been disclosed to the auditor.

BROOKLYN EXCELSIOR CHARTER SCHOOL

**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 that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ 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 that are not considered to be material weaknesses? _____ Yes X None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 2 CFR 200.516(a)? _____ Yes X No

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster	Opinion
84.425	Education Stabilization Fund	Unmodified

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? X Yes _____ No

Section II - Financial Statement Audit Findings

Reference Number	Finding	Questioned Costs
Current Year	None	

Section III - Federal Program Audit Findings

Reference Number	Finding	Questioned Costs
Current Year	None	

October 12, 2023

To the Board of Trustees
Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School

We have audited the financial statements of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School (the “Academy”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023 and have issued our report thereon dated October 12, 2023. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility Under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated May 9, 2023, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

Our audit of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School’s financial statements has also been conducted in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Under *Government Auditing Standards*, we are obligated to communicate certain matters that come to our attention related to our audit to those responsible for the governance of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School, including compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements; certain instances of error or fraud; illegal acts applicable to government agencies; and significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. Toward this end, we issued a separate letter dated October 12, 2023 regarding our consideration of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements.

Corey VanDyke is the engagement partner for the services specified in this letter and is responsible for supervising Plante Moran, PC’s services performed as part of this engagement.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on July 25, 2023.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School are described in Note 2 to the financial statements.

No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2023.

We noted no transactions entered into by Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

We noted no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

There were no significant balances, amounts, or disclosures in the financial statements based on sensitive management estimates.

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in performing and completing our audit.

Disagreements with Management

For the purpose of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report.

We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. The Academy was awarded certain grants subject to conditions. Management believes there is significant uncertainty surrounding future use of available federal awards subject to certain conditions. Management concluded to omit the disclosures surrounding conditional contributions based on this uncertainty. Management has determined that the effects of this omitted disclosure are immaterial to the financial statements taken as a whole. We did not detect any other misstatements as a result of audit procedures.

Significant Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, business conditions affecting the Academy, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement, with management each year prior to our retention as the Academy's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship, and our responses were not a condition of our retention.

As required by 2 CFR Part 200, we have also completed an audit of the federal programs administered by the Academy. The results of that audit are provided to the board of trustees in our report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program and on internal control over compliance in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 dated October 12, 2023.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 12, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

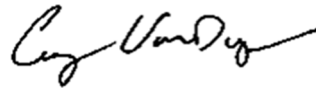
In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a second opinion on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Academy's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts.

To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

This information is intended solely for the use of the board of trustees and management of Brooklyn Excelsior Charter School and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Plante & Moran, PLLC



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