

University Prep Public Charter Schools

Financial Report
June 30, 2024



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Trustees
University Prep Public Charter Schools

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying combined and combining financial statements of University Prep Public Charter Schools (the School), which comprise the combined statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related combining statements of activities and functional expenses and combined statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the combined and combining financial statements.

In our opinion, the combined and combining financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of University Prep Public Charter Schools as of June 30, 2024, 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 audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined and Combining Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of University Prep Public Charter Schools and to meet our other 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.

Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of the University Prep Public Charter Schools (the School) as of June 30, 2023, were audited by Buchbinder Tunick & Company, LLP, which entered into an asset purchase agreement with Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P effective January 1, 2024, whose report dated October 27, 2023 expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Combined and Combining Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the combined and combining 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 combined and combining financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Combined and Combining Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined and combining 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 an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, 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 combined and combining financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the combined and combining 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 combined and combining 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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' 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 combined and combining financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about University Prep Public Charter Schools' 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.

Other Matters - Supplemental Schedules

Our 2024 audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined and combining financial statements as a whole. The accompanying 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 (Uniform Guidance)*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the combined and combining 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 combined and combining financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the combined and combining financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the combined and combining financial statements or to the combined and combining financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Board of Trustees
University Prep Public Charter Schools

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 2024 combined and combining financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 30, 2024, on our consideration of University Prep Public Charter Schools' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

New York, New York
October 30, 2024

University Prep Public Charter Schools
 Combined Statements of Financial Position
 June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,297,899	\$ 3,291,817
Restricted cash	154,983	152,521
Grants and other receivables	1,686,034	4,616,166
Prepaid expenses	518,317	182,792
Property assets, net	1,846,682	1,977,014
Right-of-use assets - operating lease	405,062	297,503
Total assets	9,908,977	10,517,813
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	368,007	463,510
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	1,297,231	1,226,834
Accrued sick and vacation pay	401,666	383,759
Operating lease liability	428,723	301,125
Total liabilities	2,495,627	2,375,228
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	7,413,350	8,142,585
Total net assets	7,413,350	8,142,585
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 9,908,977	\$ 10,517,813

The Notes to Combined and Combining Statements are an integral part of these statements.

University Prep Public Charter Schools
Combining Statements of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	High School			Middle School			Total		
	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions
REVENUES									
Local per pupil operating revenue - resident student enrollment	\$ 7,686,956	\$ 7,686,956	\$ -	\$ 6,708,484	\$ 6,708,484	\$ -	\$ 14,395,440	\$ 14,395,440	\$ -
Local per pupil operating revenue - students with disabilities	1,119,687	1,119,687	-	1,288,359	1,288,359	-	2,408,046	2,408,046	-
Other grants	206,672	206,672	-	195,714	195,714	-	402,386	402,386	-
Government grants	890,396	890,396	-	935,110	935,110	-	1,825,506	1,825,506	-
Contributed rent	2,308,364	2,308,364	-	2,015,795	2,015,795	-	4,324,159	4,324,159	-
Contributions	42,504	42,504	-	187,765	187,765	-	230,269	230,269	-
Fundraising	14,051	14,051	-	11,025	11,025	-	25,076	25,076	-
Interest income	44,702	44,702	-	37,388	37,388	-	82,090	82,090	-
Other income	294,957	294,957	-	164,311	164,311	-	459,268	459,268	-
Total revenue	12,608,289	12,608,289	-	11,543,951	11,543,951	-	24,152,240	24,152,240	-
EXPENSES									
Program services:									
Regular education	8,983,839	8,983,839	-	7,609,998	7,609,998	-	16,593,837	16,593,837	-
Special education	2,418,063	2,418,063	-	2,542,271	2,542,271	-	4,960,334	4,960,334	-
Supporting services:									
Management and general	1,551,675	1,551,675	-	1,775,629	1,775,629	-	3,327,304	3,327,304	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenses	12,953,577	12,953,577	-	11,927,898	11,927,898	-	24,881,475	24,881,475	-
Change in net assets	(345,288)	(345,288)	-	(383,947)	(383,947)	-	(729,235)	(729,235)	-
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	4,512,598	4,512,598	-	3,629,987	3,629,987	-	8,142,585	8,142,585	-
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 4,167,310	\$ 4,167,310	\$ -	\$ 3,246,040	\$ 3,246,040	\$ -	\$ 7,413,350	\$ 7,413,350	\$ -

The Notes to Combined and Combining Statements are an integral part of these statements.

University Prep Public Charter Schools
Combining Statements of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	High School			Middle School			Total		
	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions
REVENUE									
Local per pupil operating revenue - resident student enrollment	\$ 7,532,629	\$ 7,532,629	\$ -	\$ 6,889,296	\$ 6,889,296	\$ -	\$ 14,421,925	\$ 14,421,925	\$ -
Local per pupil operating revenue - students with disabilities	1,205,542	1,205,542	-	1,203,897	1,203,897	-	2,409,439	2,409,439	-
Other grants	202,430	202,430	-	170,097	170,097	-	372,527	372,527	-
Government grants	1,452,762	1,452,762	-	1,468,116	1,468,116	-	2,920,878	2,920,878	-
Contributed rent	2,268,339	2,268,339	-	2,076,990	2,076,990	-	4,345,329	4,345,329	-
Contributions	170,404	170,404	-	109,290	109,290	-	279,694	279,694	-
Interest income	17,253	17,253	-	14,116	14,116	-	31,369	31,369	-
Other income	-	-	-	21,000	21,000	-	21,000	21,000	-
Total revenue	12,849,359	12,849,359	-	11,952,802	11,952,802	-	24,802,161	24,802,161	-
EXPENSES									
Program services:									
Regular education	8,819,264	8,819,264	-	6,659,568	6,659,568	-	15,478,832	15,478,832	-
Special education	2,578,146	2,578,146	-	2,568,267	2,568,267	-	5,146,413	5,146,413	-
Supporting services:									
Management and general	1,400,886	1,400,886	-	1,712,027	1,712,027	-	3,112,913	3,112,913	-
Total expenses	12,798,296	12,798,296	-	10,939,862	10,939,862	-	23,738,158	23,738,158	-
Change in net assets	51,063	51,063	-	1,012,940	1,012,940	-	1,064,003	1,064,003	-
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	4,461,535	4,461,535	-	2,617,047	2,617,047	-	7,078,582	7,078,582	-
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 4,512,598	\$ 4,512,598	\$ -	\$ 3,629,987	\$ 3,629,987	\$ -	\$ 8,142,585	\$ 8,142,585	\$ -

The Notes to Combined and Combining Statements are an integral part of these statements.

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Combining Statements of Functional Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	High School				Middle School				Total			
	Program Services		Supporting Services		Program Services		Supporting Services		Program Services		Supporting Services	
	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total
Salaries - instructional personnel	\$ 3,186,670	\$ 1,000,316	\$ -	\$ 4,186,986	\$ 2,629,564	\$ 1,071,720	\$ -	\$ 3,701,284	\$ 5,816,234	\$ 2,072,036	\$ -	\$ 7,888,270
Salaries - administrative staff personnel	1,210,192	231,060	519,156	1,960,408	920,743	186,403	676,947	1,784,093	2,130,935	417,463	1,196,103	3,744,501
Payroll taxes	338,128	94,797	40,114	473,039	254,228	89,958	46,934	391,120	592,356	184,755	87,048	864,159
Employee benefits	1,037,810	290,959	123,120	1,451,889	778,467	275,458	143,717	1,197,642	1,816,277	566,417	266,837	2,649,531
Provision for sick and vacation pay	7,116	1,256	1,477	9,849	5,822	1,027	1,209	8,058	12,938	2,283	2,686	17,907
In-kind rent	1,650,019	462,596	195,749	2,308,364	1,310,267	463,633	241,895	2,015,795	2,960,286	926,229	437,644	4,324,159
Classroom textbooks and supplies	536,137	109,811	-	645,948	545,992	136,498	-	682,490	1,082,129	246,309	-	1,328,438
Office furniture and equipment	-	-	63,851	63,851	-	-	67,328	67,328	-	-	131,179	131,179
Consulting	479,369	107,018	24,223	610,610	478,277	130,421	31,776	640,474	957,646	237,439	55,999	1,251,084
Financial management services	-	-	224,289	224,289	-	-	182,673	182,673	-	-	406,962	406,962
School uniforms	34,515	7,069	-	41,584	51,674	12,918	-	64,592	86,189	19,987	-	106,176
Insurance	27,484	7,706	65,030	100,220	20,339	7,220	54,443	82,002	47,823	14,926	119,473	182,222
Telephone and Internet	90,775	25,449	10,769	126,993	101,620	35,958	18,761	156,339	192,395	61,407	29,530	283,332
Meetings and conferences	9,866	2,021	3,962	15,849	5,905	1,472	2,459	9,836	15,771	3,493	6,421	25,685
Auditing	-	-	19,875	19,875	-	-	19,914	19,914	-	-	39,789	39,789
Teacher recruitment	3,568	731	1,433	5,731	17,283	4,321	7,201	28,805	20,851	5,052	8,634	34,537
Student recruitment	42,590	8,723	17,105	68,418	47,849	11,962	19,938	79,749	90,439	20,685	37,043	148,167
Printing and copying	22,553	4,619	9,058	36,230	23,170	5,792	9,654	38,616	45,723	10,411	18,712	74,846
Office supplies	-	-	73,166	73,166	-	-	103,256	103,256	-	-	176,422	176,422
Postage	180	51	21	252	824	292	152	1,268	1,004	343	173	1,520
Food service	34,366	7,039	-	41,405	46,727	11,682	-	58,409	81,093	18,721	-	99,814
Repairs and maintenance	13,628	3,820	1,617	19,065	26,232	9,282	4,843	40,357	39,860	13,102	6,460	59,422
Payroll processing	-	-	5,881	5,881	-	-	4,830	4,830	-	-	10,711	10,711
Student services	91,071	18,653	-	109,724	116,766	29,192	-	145,958	207,837	47,845	-	255,682
Depreciation	167,802	34,369	6,396	208,568	228,249	57,062	40,044	325,355	396,051	91,431	46,440	533,922
Miscellaneous	-	-	145,383	145,383	-	-	97,655	97,655	-	-	243,038	243,038
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,983,839	\$ 2,418,063	\$ 1,551,675	\$ 12,953,577	\$ 7,609,998	\$ 2,542,271	\$ 1,775,629	\$ 11,927,898	\$ 16,593,837	\$ 4,960,334	\$ 3,327,304	\$ 24,881,475

The Notes to Combined and Combining Statements are an integral part of these statements.

University Prep Public Charter Schools

Combining Statements of Functional Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2023

	High School				Middle School				Total			
	Program Services		Supporting Services		Program Services		Supporting Services		Program Services		Supporting Services	
	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total	Regular Education	Special Education	Management and General	Total
Salaries - instructional personnel	\$ 3,186,391	\$ 1,108,403	\$ -	\$ 4,294,794	\$ 2,249,760	\$ 1,145,230	\$ -	\$ 3,394,990	\$ 5,436,151	\$ 2,253,633	\$ -	\$ 7,689,784
Salaries - administrative staff personnel	1,137,944	215,935	447,318	1,801,197	824,446	162,264	583,829	1,570,539	1,962,390	378,199	1,031,147	3,371,736
Payroll taxes	323,648	100,285	31,909	455,842	230,119	96,501	44,539	371,159	553,767	196,786	76,448	827,001
Employee benefits	1,030,860	319,421	101,634	1,451,915	619,430	259,761	119,889	999,080	1,650,290	579,182	221,523	2,450,995
Provision for sick and vacation pay	(27,008)	(4,766)	(5,607)	(37,381)	(22,097)	(3,899)	(4,588)	(30,584)	(49,105)	(8,665)	(10,195)	(67,965)
In-kind rent	1,610,521	499,035	158,784	2,268,340	1,287,734	540,017	249,239	2,076,990	2,898,255	1,039,052	408,023	4,345,330
Classroom textbooks and supplies	478,960	98,100	-	577,060	451,884	105,998	-	557,882	930,844	204,098	-	1,134,942
Office furniture and equipment	-	-	88,293	88,293	-	-	84,184	84,184	-	-	172,477	172,477
Consulting	494,038	108,605	25,437	628,080	384,529	99,284	35,422	519,235	878,567	207,889	60,859	1,147,315
Financial management services	-	-	205,415	205,415	-	-	171,280	171,280	-	-	376,695	376,695
School uniforms	30,093	6,164	-	36,257	6,961	1,633	-	8,594	37,054	7,797	-	44,851
Insurance	24,982	7,665	62,659	95,306	17,804	7,613	55,425	80,842	42,786	15,278	118,084	176,148
Telephone and Internet	64,038	19,843	6,313	90,194	56,018	23,492	10,842	90,352	120,056	43,335	17,155	180,546
Meetings and conferences	19,441	3,982	7,808	31,231	1,718	392	704	2,814	21,159	4,374	8,512	34,045
Auditing	-	-	19,375	19,375	-	-	19,375	19,375	-	-	38,750	38,750
Teacher recruitment	7,569	1,550	3,040	12,159	16,025	3,759	6,594	26,378	23,594	5,309	9,634	38,537
Student recruitment	80,590	16,506	32,366	129,462	59,027	13,846	24,290	97,163	139,617	30,352	56,656	226,625
Printing and copying	8,194	1,678	3,291	13,163	6,043	1,418	2,487	9,948	14,237	3,096	5,778	23,111
Office supplies	-	-	76,227	76,227	-	-	181,561	181,561	-	-	257,788	257,788
Postage	234	73	23	330	351	147	68	566	585	220	91	896
Food service	37,079	7,594	-	44,673	109,600	25,709	-	135,309	146,679	33,303	-	179,982
Repairs and maintenance	40,300	12,487	3,974	56,761	3,280	1,376	635	5,291	43,580	13,863	4,609	62,052
Payroll processing	-	-	5,002	5,002	-	-	4,186	4,186	-	-	9,188	9,188
Student services	114,104	23,371	-	137,475	168,915	39,622	-	208,537	283,019	62,993	-	346,012
Depreciation	157,286	32,215	9,148	198,649	188,021	44,104	40,581	272,706	345,307	76,319	49,729	471,355
Miscellaneous	-	-	118,477	118,477	-	-	81,485	81,485	-	-	199,962	199,962
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,819,264	\$ 2,578,146	\$ 1,400,886	\$ 12,798,296	\$ 6,659,568	\$ 2,568,267	\$ 1,712,027	\$ 10,939,862	\$ 15,478,832	\$ 5,146,413	\$ 3,112,913	\$ 23,738,158

The Notes to Combined and Combining Statements are an integral part of these statements.

University Prep Public Charter Schools

Combined Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (729,235)	\$ 1,064,003
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	533,922	471,355
(Increase) decrease in operating assets		
Grants and other receivables	2,930,132	(382,071)
Prepaid expenses	(335,525)	701
Lease Asset	(107,559)	(297,503)
(Decrease) increase in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(95,503)	(10,599)
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	70,397	21,855
Accrued sick and vacation pay	17,907	(67,966)
Lease Liability	127,598	301,125
	2,412,134	1,100,900
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
(Additions) to furniture and equipment	(419,699)	(622,454)
(Refund) to furniture and equipment	16,109	-
	(403,590)	(622,454)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		
	2,008,544	478,446
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash		
	3,444,338	2,965,892
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, beginning of year		
	3,444,338	2,965,892
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, end of year		
	\$ 5,452,882	\$ 3,444,338

The Notes to Combined and Combining Statements are an integral part of these statements.

University Prep Public Charter Schools

Notes to Combined and Combining Financial Statements

Note 1. Nature of Organization, Mission Statement and Principles of Combination

Nature of Organization

The University Prep Charter High School was formed to operate a high school (the High School or Charter School) under an education corporation that operates charter schools in the borough of the Bronx, New York. On January 15, 2008, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York for and on behalf of the Education Department of the State of New York granted the High School a provisional charter valid for a term of five years from the effective date of January 15, 2008, and renewable upon expiration. On February 26, 2013, the Charter School's Committee approved a renewal for a full term of five years through July 31, 2018. On May, 2023, the Charter School's Committee approved a renewal for a full term of six years through July 31, 2029.

Effective September 2019, the University Prep Charter High School launched its Middle School for Grades 5 and 6. University Prep Charter Middle School (the Middle School) is committed to building a scholarly community that prepares all students to gain entry to and succeed at University Prep Charter High School and then in a college of their choice and beyond. The schools are operating under two separate charters. However, the schools share the same IRS EIN number and will be reported under one financial statement.

On January 6, 2020, the name of the Charter School was changed to the University Prep Public Charter Schools.

Mission Statement

The School's mission is to prepare all students to achieve academic and personal excellence and to graduate students fully prepared for a demanding secondary education, and to help prepare students for meaningful lives as full democratic citizens in a free society.

Principles of Combination

The combined and combining financial statements include the accounts of the High School and the Middle School, (collectively referred to as the school). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have eliminated in combination.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The combined and combining financial statements of the School have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of Presentation

The School reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

University Prep Public Charter Schools

Notes to Combined and Combining Financial Statements

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Are not restricted by donors/grantors, or the donor/grantor-imposed restrictions have expired.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Contain donor/grantor-imposed restrictions that permit the School to use or expend the assets as specified. The restrictions are satisfied either by the passage of time or by action of the School.

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions.

When a donor restriction expires, that is when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported as released from purpose restrictions in the combining statements of activities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of combined and combining financial statements in accordance 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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of combined and combining financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at time of purchase to be cash equivalents.

Grants Receivable

Unconditional grants receivable are recognized as revenue in the period in which the grants are awarded. Conditional grants receivable are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Restricted Cash

Under the provisions of the charter, the School has restricted the cash balance in the escrow account to pay for any legal and audit expenses that would be associated with dissolution, should it occur. The balance in the escrow account is \$150,000 plus interest earned.

Property Assets

Property assets are recorded at cost. Assets acquired by utilizing government funds may be subject to granting agency disposition requirements.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, which range from five to ten years.

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Contributions and Grants

Contributions and grant revenue received are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as net assets with donor restricted support that increases that net asset class. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the combining statements of activities as net assets released from purpose restrictions.

Local Per Pupil Operating Revenue

Revenue from the local government resulting from the School's charter status and based on the number of students enrolled is recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement.

Promises to Give

Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met. Unconditional promises to give are recognized in the period received.

Functional Expenses

The costs of providing programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying combining statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program services and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis.

The expenses that are allocated include the following:

<u>Expense</u>	<u>Method of Allocation</u>
Salaries, payroll taxes, and employee benefits	Time and effort
Classroom textbooks, supplies	Purpose of expenditure
Consulting	Purpose of expenditure
School uniforms, student testing materials and services	Purpose of expenditure
Meetings and conferences	Time and effort
Telephone and internet	Time and effort
Insurance	Time and effort
Teacher and student recruitment	Time and effort
Printing and copying	Time and effort
Office supplies	Purpose of expenditure
Postage	Time and effort
Teachers' discretionary	Time and effort
Student trips, transportation, food service	Purpose of expenditure
Repairs and maintenance	Purpose of expenditure
Payroll processing	Time and effort
Depreciation	Purpose of expenditure
Miscellaneous	Time and effort

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Leases

The School determines if an arrangement is a lease or contains a lease at inception of a contract. A contract is determined to be a lease or contain a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of the identified property, plant, or equipment in exchange for consideration. The School determines these assets are leased because the School has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefit from and the right to direct the use of the identified asset. Assets in which the supplier or lessor has the practical ability and right to substitute alternative assets for the identified asset and would benefit economically from the exercise of its right to substitute the asset are not considered to be or contain a lease because the School determines it does not have the right to control and direct the use of the identified asset. The School's lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

In evaluating its contracts, the School separately identifies lease and nonlease components, such as common area and other maintenance costs, in calculating the right of use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities for its leased equipment. The School has elected the practical expedient to not separate lease and nonlease components and classifies the contract as a lease if consideration in the contract allocated to the lease component is greater than the consideration allocated to the nonlease component.

Leases result in the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet. ROU assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease, measured on a discounted basis. The School determines lease classification as operating or finance at the lease commencement date.

At lease inception, the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments over the lease term. The ROU asset equals the lease liability adjusted for any initial direct costs, prepaid or deferred rent, and lease incentives. The School uses the implicit rate when readily determinable. As most leases do not provide an implicit rate, the School uses a risk-free rate to determine the present value of lease payments when the implicit rate is not determinable.

The lease term may include options to extend or to terminate the lease that the School is reasonably certain to exercise. Lease expense is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Subsequent Events

The School has evaluated subsequent events and transactions through October 30, 2024, the date that the combined and combining financial statements were available to be issued.

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Notes to Combined and Combining Financial Statements

Note 3. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash reported within the statements of financial position to the total amounts shown in the statements of cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2023	2022
Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 5,297,899	\$ 3,291,817
Restricted cash	154,983	152,521
 Total cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash shown in the statements of cash flows	 \$ 5,452,882	 \$ 3,444,338

See Note 2 for a description of restricted cash.

Note 4. Property Assets, Net

Property assets, net, at June 30, 2024 and 2023 consisted of:

	2024	2023
Classroom and office furniture	\$ 801,382	\$ 698,610
Leasehold improvements	742,214	700,283
Classroom and office computers and equipment	2,699,725	2,457,565
	4,243,321	3,856,458
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,396,639)	(1,879,444)
Property assets, net	\$ 1,846,682	\$ 1,977,014

During the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, depreciation expense amounted to \$533,922 and \$471,355, respectively.

Note 5. Leases

Operating Leases

The School leases certain office equipment under agreements that are classified as operating leases. The operating leases include a fixed base fee. The leases are noncancelable unless there is a violation under the lease agreement.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the base lease cost was \$110,461 and the straight-line adjustment was \$0, for a total equipment lease expense of \$110,461. Equipment lease expense is included in office furniture and equipment on the financials.

The weighted average operating lease term is 8 years. The weighted average rate implicit in the operating lease is 4%.

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The maturity analysis and reconciliation to the statement of financial position at June 30, 2024, are as follows:

Years Ending June 30:	Operating Lease
2025	\$ 115,389
2026	115,389
2027	90,333
2028	84,387
2029	66,042
Total Future undiscounted lease payments	471,540
Less present value discount	(42,817)
Operating lease liabilities	\$ 428,723

Note 6. Net Asset With Donor Restrictions

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were no net assets with donor restrictions.

The School has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets (donor-restricted and board-designated) that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowments while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School's endowment assets consisted of net assets with donor restrictions invested in cash and cash equivalents.

Effective September 17, 2010, the State of New York adopted the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA).

Note 7. Contributions of Nonfinancial Assets

The School's policy is to utilize all contributed nonfinancial assets. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School recognized contributed nonfinancial assets within the combining statements of activities as follows:

	2024	2023
Use of facilities	4,324,159	4,345,329
Total contributed nonfinancial assets	\$ 4,324,159	\$ 4,345,329

The use of the facilities is restricted to school and administrative activities. Because the restriction is met in the year it is made, the contributed use of facilities is recorded as contributions without donor restrictions.

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The School uses the facilities for classrooms and administrative offices. In valuing the contributed space in the school buildings, which are located in Bronx, NY, University Prep Public Charter Schools estimated the fair value on the basis of financial information provided to the School under the New York City School Rental Assistance Program. This estimate is in line with the fair value of comparable rental prices in the local real estate market.

Note 8. Pension Plan

The School participates in a multiple-employer plan that provides benefits to certain contract labor covered by a collective bargaining agreement which expires August 31, 2025. The School contributed \$980,108 and \$752,479 to the Teachers' Retirement System of the City of New York during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The most recent Pension Protection Act (PPA) zone status is not applicable because it is a government plan. As of the most current report on file with the City of New York's Office of the Actuary, which is for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, total plan net assets were \$74,488,389,000 and \$67,934,256,000, respectively, and the accumulated benefit obligations were \$86,909,914,417 and \$81,613,165,160, respectively.

Note 9. Concentrations

Credit Risk

The School maintains accounts at high quality financial institutions. While the School attempts to limit any financial exposure, its deposit balances may, at times, exceed federally insured limits. The School has not experienced any losses on such accounts.

Significant Funding

The School has entered into service contracts and grant agreements with New York State and New York City government agencies that are subject to business risks associated with the economy and administrative directives, rules and regulations that are subject to change. A significant reduction in revenue from these various governmental agency contracts would have an adverse effect on the School's operations.

Note 10. Availability and Liquidity

Financial assets consist of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,297,899	\$ 3,291,817
Grants and other receivables	1,686,034	4,616,166
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months	\$ 6,983,933	\$ 7,907,983

The School's goal is generally to maintain financial assets to meet 90 days of operating expenses (approximately \$5,238,000). As part of its liquidity plan, excess cash is maintained in an interest-bearing bank account at an FDIC insured institution.

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Note 11. Tax Status

The School has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) to be exempt from federal income taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC).

The School files an annual return Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, with the IRS. At June 30, 2024, the School's Form 990s for the years 2020 through 2024 remain eligible for examination by the IRS.

Supplemental Schedules

University Prep Public Charter Schools
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Numbers	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
United States Department of Education			
Pass-through Program from New York State Education Department			
Education Stabilization Fund			
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief 2 Fund	84.425D-COVID	5891215560	\$ 16,032 *
	84.425D-COVID	5891214415	27,968 *
Total Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II Fund			<u>44,000</u>
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Relief	84.425U-COVID	5880215560	634,983 *
	84.425U-COVID	5880214415	527,009 *
Total American Rescue Plan			<u>1,161,992</u>
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Relief - Homeless Children and Youth	84.425W-COVID	5218224415	5,016 *
	84.425W-COVID	5218224415	9,516 *
Total American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Relief - Homeless Children and Youth			<u>14,532</u>
Total Education Stabilization Fund			1,220,524
Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021235560	9,000
	84.010	0021244415	274,048
	84.010	0021245560	232,695
Total Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies			<u>515,743</u>
Title II - Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367	0147245560	26,704
	84.367	0147244415	30,031
Total Title II - Supporting Effective Instruction			<u>56,735</u>
Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204245560	19,680
	84.424	0204244415	21,824
Total Title IV - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program			<u>41,504</u>
Special Education - Grants to States - IDEA Part B	84.027	5880214415	17,412
	84.027	5880215560	13,133
Total Special Education - Grants to States - IDEA Part B			<u>30,545</u>
TOTAL UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			<u>1,865,051</u>
TOTAL PASS-THROUGH FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>1,865,051</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 1,865,051</u>

* Major Programs

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of University Prep Public Charter Schools under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. 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* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of University Prep Public Charter Schools, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of University Prep Public Charter Schools.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note 3. Indirect Cost Rate

The School does not qualify to use the 10% *de minimis* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Internal Control



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

To the Board of Trustees
University Prep Public Charter Schools

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the combined and combining financial statements of University Prep Public Charter Schools, which comprise the combined statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and the related combining statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combined and combining financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2024.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the combined and combining financial statements, we considered University Prep Public Charter Schools' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the combined and combining financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of University Prep Public Charter Schools' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of University Prep Public Charter Schools' internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's combined and combining 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 may exist that have not been identified.

The Board of Trustees of
University Prep Public Charter Schools

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

New York, New York
October 30, 2024



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

To the Board of Trustees of
University Prep Public Charter Schools

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited University Prep Public Charter Schools' compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on University Prep Public Charter Schools' major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024. University Prep Public Charter Schools' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs and summary of results.

In our opinion, University Prep Public Charter Schools complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

We are required to be independent of University Prep Public Charter Schools 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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' 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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' federal programs.

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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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' 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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' 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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of University Prep Public Charter Schools' 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 University Prep Public Charter Schools' 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 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.

The Board of Trustees of
University Prep Public Charter Schools

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

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

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

Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

New York, New York
October 30, 2024

University Prep Public Charter Schools

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs and Summary of Results June 30, 2024 and 2023

Section 1. Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes X None reported
- Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? _____ Yes X No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? _____ Yes X No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? _____ Yes X None reported

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

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

_____ Yes X No

Identification of major federal programs:

- 84.425D - Education Stabilization Fund – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief II Fund
- 84.425U - Education Stabilization Fund – American Rescue Plan – Elementary and Secondary School Relief
- 84.425W - Education Stabilization Fund – American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Relief - Homeless Children and Youth

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$750,000

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

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs and Summary of Results June 30, 2024

Section 2. Financial Statement Finding

No findings noted.

Section 3. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.

Section 4. Prior Year Findings

No findings noted.

October 30, 2024

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Charter School Business Management, Inc. ("CSBM") is providing this letter in connection with your audit of the statement of financial position of University Prep Public Charter Schools as of June 30, 2024 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows of University Prep Public Charter Schools in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Pursuant to a Professional Services Agreement dated July 1, 2022, by and between Charter School Business Management, Inc., and University Prep Public Charter Schools (the "Agreement"), University Prep Public Charter Schools (the "Schools") engaged Charter School Business Management ("CSBM") to provide certain specific financial support services to the Schools, under the Schools' management, direction, and authority. As such, the representations made below by CSBM are subject to the Schools' compliance with the terms of the Agreement with CSBM. CSBM confirms that in accordance with the Agreement, CSBM is responsible for the fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As a consultant, CSBM is not responsible for adopting sound accounting policies or procedures, or for establishing and maintaining internal controls, or preventing and detecting fraud.

CSBM, solely in the capacity of Consultant as indicated in the Professional Services Agreement with the Schools confirms, to the best of our actual knowledge and belief, as of October 30, 2024, the following representations made to you during your audit.

1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
2. CSBM is unaware of any adjustments required that are material, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. There are no un-booked adjustments.
3. CSBM has no knowledge of any actual fraud affecting University Prep Public Charter Schools involving:
 - a) Management
 - b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
4. CSBM is unaware of any plans or intentions that management has that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or net asset balances.
5. CSBM is unaware of any of the following matters and have not recorded any of these matters in the financial statements:
 - a) Related party transactions, including revenues, expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - b) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Schools are contingently liable.
 - c) Unasserted claims or assessments.
 - d) Agreements to repurchase assets previously sold.

- e) Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5.
 - f) Designations of net assets disclosed to you that were not properly authorized and approved, or reclassifications of net assets that have not been properly reflected in the financial statements.
6. CSBM is unaware of any estimates that may be subject to a material change in the near term that have not been properly disclosed in the financial statements. CSBM understands that near term means the period within one year of the date of the financial statements. In addition, CSBM has no knowledge of concentrations existing at the date of the financial statements as disclosed to CSBM by the Schools' management that make the organization vulnerable to the risk of severe impact that should be disclosed in the financial statements.
 7. CSBM has identified all accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements as disclosed to me by the Schools' management, including the key factors and significant assumption underlying those estimates, and we believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances. This includes estimates for the statement of functional expenses, although it was management that made the decisions regarding allocation rates and methods.
 8. CSBM has included in the financial statements, all assets and liabilities that I was aware of that are under the control of University Prep Public Charter Schools.
 9. CSBM is not aware of any events that have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
 10. With respect to the federal award programs:
 - a) We acknowledge our responsibility for preparing and presenting the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) and related notes in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.
 - b) We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit, and have included in the SEFA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of federal awards, federal cost-reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.
 - c) Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
 - d) The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
 - e) We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
 - f) We are responsible for and have ensured the reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.

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This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the combined and combining financial statements of University Prep Public Charter Schools (the School), which comprise the combined statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related combining statements of activities and functional expenses and combined statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combined and combining financial statements, for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information such that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, 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.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves as of October 30, 2024:

Financial Statements^{4, 5}

- We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated July 22, 2024, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
 - We acknowledge our responsibility 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.
 - We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of the system of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
 - The methods, data, and significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures, are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in the context of U.S. GAAP
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- All related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
 - All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
 - The effects of all known actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

- We have complied with all contractual agreements, grants, and donor restrictions.
- We have maintained an appropriate composition of assets in amounts needed to comply with all donor restrictions.
- We have accurately presented the entity's position regarding taxation and tax-exempt status.
- The bases used for allocation of functional expenses are reasonable and appropriate.
- We have included in the financial statements all assets and liabilities under the entity's control.
- We have designed, implemented, and maintained adequate internal controls over the receipt and recording of contributions.
- Reclassifications between net asset classes are proper.
- The governing board's interpretations concerning whether laws place restrictions on net appreciation of donor-restricted endowments are reasonable and have been disclosed to you.
- Methods and significant assumptions used by management to determine fair values, their consistency in application, and the completeness and adequacy of fair value information for financial statement measurement and disclosure purposes are appropriate.
- With respect to the preparation of the financial statements and related notes and schedule of federal expenditures of federal awards and preparation of Form 990 we have performed the following:
 - Made all management decisions and performed all management functions;
 - Assigned a competent individual to oversee the services;
 - Evaluated the adequacy of the services performed;
 - Evaluated and accepted responsibility for the result of the service performed; and
 - Established and maintained controls, including a process to monitor the system of internal control.

Information Provided

- We have provided you with:
 - Access to all information, of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters;
 - Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit;
 - Unrestricted access to persons within the entity and others from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence;
 - A written acknowledgement of all the documents that we expect to issue that will be included in the annual report and the planned timing and method of issuance of that annual report;⁶
 - A final version of the annual report (including all the documents that, together, comprise the annual report) in a timely manner prior to the date of the auditor's report.⁶
- The financial statements and any other information included in the annual report are consistent with one another, and the other information does not contain any material misstatements.⁶

- All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- We have provided to you our evaluation of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions and events present, and we believe that our use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.
- We have *no knowledge of any* fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
 - Management;
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - Others when the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- We have *no knowledge of any* allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, or others.
- We *have no knowledge of any* noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- "We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements and we have not consulted legal counsel concerning litigation, claims, or assessments."
- We have disclosed to you the identity of all the entity's related parties and the nature of all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Single Audit

- We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and we believe the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The methods of measurement and presentation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
- With respect to federal award programs:
 - a) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance), including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
 - b) We acknowledge our responsibility for preparing and presenting the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) and related notes in accordance with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance, and we believe the SEFA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. The methods of measurement or presentation of the SEFA have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the SEFA.



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c) If the SEFA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFA no later than the date we issue the SEFA and the auditor's report thereon.

d) We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to the Uniform Guidance compliance audit, and have included in the SEFA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of federal awards, federal cost reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.

e) We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with, the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major program.

f) We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended.

g) We have made available to you all federal awards (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relevant to federal programs and related activities.

h) We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.

i) We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including, when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Compliance Supplement, relating to federal awards and [have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and all known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards OR confirm that there were no amounts questioned and no known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards].

j) We have disclosed any communications from federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.

k) We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation engagements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditor's report.

l) Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB's Uniform Guidance (2 CFR part 200, subpart E) [and OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations, and Subpart C, Section 23,



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Cost Sharing or Matching, of OMB Circular A-110, Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Nonprofit Organizations, if applicable].

m) We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.

n) We have made available to you all documentation related to compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.

o) We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.

p) There are no such known instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.

q) No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action we have

taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the period covered by the auditor's report.

r) Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.

s) The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.

t) We have charged costs to federal awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.

u) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by the Uniform Guidance, and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and passthrough entities, including all management decisions.

v) We are responsible for and have ensured the reporting package does not contain protected personally identifiable information.

w) We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.

x) We are responsible for taking corrective action on each audit finding of the compliance audit and have developed a corrective action plan that meets the requirements of the Uniform Guidance.

y) We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with service organizations, and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organizations relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.

- We have taken timely and appropriate steps to remedy identified and suspected fraud or noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that you have reported to us.
- We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
- We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.



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- We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report. *[Insert any other matters that the auditor may consider necessary]*

Burton Sacks, Treasurer

(Name of Trustee and Title

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Burton Sacks'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name and title, overlapping the horizontal line.