

**BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL**

**BROOKLYN, NEW YORK**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**REPORT REQUIRED BY  
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

**AND**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**(With Comparative Totals for 2012)**

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## MENGEL METZGER BARR & CO. LLP

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees  
Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2013, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

#### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School as of June 30, 2013, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's June 30, 2012 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 17, 2012. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

**Other Report Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 16, 2013 on our consideration of Brooklyn East Collegiate 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 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 Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Mengel, Metzger, Baw & Co. LLP*

Rochester, New York  
October 16, 2013

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2013  
(With Comparative Totals for 2012)

<u>ASSETS</u>	June 30,	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 529,881	\$ 355,774
Grants and other receivables	64,283	216,982
Prepaid expenses	<u>66,075</u>	<u>10,095</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	660,239	582,851
<u>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net</u>	<u>197,114</u>	<u>186,649</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 857,353</u>	<u>\$ 769,500</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 181,909	\$ 133,892
Deferred revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>25,520</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	181,909	159,412
<u>NET ASSETS, unrestricted</u>		
Designated for stability fund	260,000	260,000
Undesignated	<u>415,444</u>	<u>350,088</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 857,353</u>	<u>\$ 769,500</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013  
(With Comparative Totals for 2012)

	Year ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
Operating revenue and support:		
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$ 3,020,369	\$ 2,027,487
Government grants	313,771	559,969
Contributions	85,000	285,230
Other income	14,307	49
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT	3,433,447	2,872,735
Expenses:		
Program services - education	2,969,614	2,139,958
General and administrative	398,477	350,788
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,368,091	2,490,746
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	65,356	381,989
Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year	610,088	228,099
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 675,444	\$ 610,088

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013  
(With Comparative Totals for 2012)

	Program services - education	General and administrative	Total	
			Year ended June 30,	
			2013	2012
Salaries	\$ 1,876,470	\$ 129,691	\$ 2,006,161	\$ 1,390,465
Payroll taxes and employee benefits	288,051	19,908	307,959	224,004
Occupancy	-	-	-	3,962
Repairs and maintenance	38,275	22,201	60,476	81,288
Textbooks	14,272	-	14,272	14,953
Instructional supplies and assessments	75,806	-	75,806	63,495
Computer and technology supplies	65,627	-	65,627	183,245
Student enrichment and services	131,959	-	131,959	61,593
Professional development	96,419	-	96,419	67,997
Professional services	-	15,931	15,931	15,046
Telephone	-	54,935	54,935	40,650
Insurance	-	30,833	30,833	21,335
Management fees	269,164	47,499	316,663	208,664
Office expense	15,882	69,791	85,673	43,048
Depreciation and amortization	89,565	596	90,161	62,598
Bad debt expense	8,124	-	8,124	5,385
Other	-	7,092	7,092	3,018
	<u>\$ 2,969,614</u>	<u>\$ 398,477</u>	<u>\$ 3,368,091</u>	<u>\$ 2,490,746</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013  
(With Comparative Totals for 2012)

	<u>Year ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS - OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Change in net assets	\$ 65,356	\$ 381,989
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided from operating activities:		
Bad debt expense	8,124	5,385
Depreciation and amortization	90,161	62,598
Changes in certain assets and liabilities affecting operations:		
Grants and other receivables	144,575	(57,529)
Prepaid expenses	(55,980)	23,024
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	48,017	(78,330)
Deferred revenue	<u>(25,520)</u>	<u>(74,480)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	274,733	262,657
<u>CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>		
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(100,626)</u>	<u>(212,006)</u>
NET CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(100,626)</u>	<u>(212,006)</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH	174,107	50,651
Cash at beginning of year	<u>355,774</u>	<u>305,123</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 529,881</u>	<u>\$ 355,774</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012

NOTE A: THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Charter School

Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School (the "Charter School"), is an educational corporation operating as a charter school in the borough of Brooklyn, New York City. On February 23, 2009, the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York granted the Charter School a provisional charter valid for a term of five years and renewable upon expiration.

The Charter School's mission is to prepare students to enter, succeed in, and graduate from college.

Financial Statement presentation

The financial statements of the Charter School have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Charter School reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets.

These classes of net assets are defined as follows:

*Permanently restricted* – Net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the Charter School is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the Charter School. The Charter School had no permanently restricted net assets at June 30, 2013 or 2012.

*Temporarily restricted* – Net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the Charter School is limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the Charter School pursuant to those stipulations. The Charter School had no temporarily restricted net assets at June 30, 2013 or 2012.

*Unrestricted* – The net assets over which the Governing Board has discretionary control to use in carrying on the Charter School's operations in accordance with the guidelines established by the Charter School. The Board may designate portions of the current unrestricted net assets for specific purposes, projects or investment.

Revenue and support recognition

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

Revenue from federal, state and local government grants and contracts are recorded by the Charter School when qualifying expenditures are incurred and billable.

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012

NOTE A: THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES,

Cont'd

Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily or permanently restricted support depending on the existence of any donor restrictions. A contribution that is received and expended in the same year for a specific purpose is classified as unrestricted revenue.

Contributions are recorded as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities and changes in net assets as net assets released from restrictions.

Cash

Cash balances are maintained at a financial institution located in New York and are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000 at the institution. In the normal course of business, the cash account balances at any given time may exceed insured limits. However, the Charter School has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to significant risk in cash.

Grants and other receivables

Grants and other receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts based on its assessment of the current status of individual receivables from grants, agencies and others. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts at June 30, 2013 or 2012.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization is computed using the straight-line method on a basis considered adequate to depreciate the assets over their estimated useful lives, which range from three to ten years.

Deferred revenue

The Charter School records grant revenue as deferred revenue until it is expended for the purpose of the grant, at which time it is recognized as revenue.

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012

NOTE A: THE CHARTER SCHOOL AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES,

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Tax exempt status

The Charter School is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state regulations and, accordingly, is exempt from federal and state taxes on income.

The Charter School has filed for income tax exemptions in the jurisdictions where it is required to do so. The Charter School files Form 990 in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. The tax returns for the years ended June 30, 2010 through 2013 are still subject to potential audit by the IRS. Management of the Charter School believes it has no material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly it will not recognize any liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

Contributed services

The Charter School receives contributed services from volunteers to develop its academic program and to serve on the Board of Trustees. These services are not valued in the financial statements because they do not require "specialized skills" and would typically not be purchased if they were not contributed.

In-kind contributions

Gifts and donations other than cash are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. The Charter School received in-kind contributions of textbooks totaling \$14,254 in the year ended June 30, 2013 and are included in other income in the accompanying statement of activities and changes in net assets for the year ended June 30, 2013

Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements

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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Comparatives for period ended June 30, 2012

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by functional classification. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Charter School's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2012, from which the summarized information was derived.

Subsequent events

The Charter School has conducted an evaluation of potential subsequent events occurring after the statement of financial position date through October 16, 2013, which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued. No subsequent events requiring disclosure were noted.

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012

NOTE B: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Uncommon Schools, Inc. ("USI"), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping start and run charter schools, provides management and other administrative support services to the Charter School. The Charter School entered into a five year agreement with USI, dated July 1, 2010, under which the Charter School pays USI a service fee of a set percentage of the average number of students enrolled at the Charter School during the school year multiplied by the approved per pupil operating expenses for the school year, and a percentage of all other public entitlement funding receivable during the fiscal year, excluding in-kind contributions and funds from competitive public grants. This percentage is fixed at 10% for years 1-3, decreasing to 9.5% in year 4 and 9% in year 5. The fee incurred for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 was approximately \$317,000 and \$209,000, respectively. At June 30, 2013 and 2012, approximately \$39,600 and \$29,500, respectively was included in accounts payable, relating to USI.

The Charter School is related to Kings Collegiate Charter School, Brownsville Collegiate Charter School, Ocean Hill Collegiate Charter School, Williamsburg Collegiate Charter School and Bedford Stuyvesant Collegiate Charter School through common Board representation. As none of the schools have an economic interest in the net assets of any other school, the facts do not require consolidation of any of these schools with the Charter School in accordance with GAAP.

NOTE C: SCHOOL FACILITY

The Charter School is located in a New York City Department of Education facility. At June 30, 2013 and 2012, the Board of Trustees had designated \$260,000 as a stability fund to meet future needs of the Charter School. During the year ended June 30, 2013, the Charter School did not have any expenses related to utilities and maintenance services. During the year ended June 30, 2012, the Charter School paid for certain utility and maintenance services on a square footage basis amounting to approximately \$4,000. During the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, the Charter School paid no fees to the New York City Department of Education for additional after-school and weekend usage.

NOTE D: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	<u>Year ended June 30,</u>	
	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 27,806	\$ 25,826
Computers and software	206,924	168,579
Leasehold improvements	<u>132,376</u>	<u>72,074</u>
	367,106	266,479
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>169,992</u>	<u>79,830</u>
	<u>\$ 197,114</u>	<u>\$ 186,649</u>

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Cont'd

JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012

NOTE E: OPERATING LEASE

The Charter School leases office equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements expiring through July 2017. The future minimum payments on these agreements are as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2014	\$ 14,171
2015	11,220
2016	11,220
2017	<u>935</u>
	<u>\$ 37,546</u>

NOTE F: RETIREMENT PLAN

The Charter School sponsors a defined contribution 403(b) plan covering most employees. The Charter School matches employees' contributions up to the lesser of 3% of gross payroll or \$3,500. The Charter School's total contribution to the Plan for the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 was approximately \$31,600 and \$20,000, respectively.

NOTE G: CONTINGENCY

Certain grants and contracts may be subject to audit by funding sources. Such audits might result in disallowance of costs submitted for reimbursement by the Charter School. Management is of the opinion that such disallowances, if any, will not have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements. Accordingly, no amounts have been provided in the accompanying financial statements for such potential claims.

NOTE H: CONCENTRATIONS

At June 30, 2013, 19% and 63% of accounts receivable are due from New York State and a grantor, respectively. At June 30, 2012, 60% and 39% of accounts receivable are due from New York State and a grantor, respectively.

During the years ended June 30, 2013 and 2012, 88% and 71%, respectively, of total operating revenue and support came from per-pupil funding provided by New York State. The per-pupil rate is set annually by the State based on the school district in which the Charter School is located.

NOTE I: MAJOR GRANTOR

For the year ended June 30, 2013, there were no public grants that accounted for more than 10% of total operating revenue and support. One public grant accounted for approximately 11% of total operating revenue and support for the year ended June 30, 2012.

**BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL**

**REPORT REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**



**MENGEL METZGER BARR & CO. LLP**

Certified Public Accountants

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

Board of Trustees  
Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2013 and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 16, 2013.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies 2013-1 and 2013-2.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter 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 determination of 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School in a separate letter dated October 16, 2013.

### **Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's Response to Findings**

Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter School's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

### **Purpose of This Report**

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

### **Restricted Use**

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, federal, state and local awarding agencies, the State University of New York, the New York State Education Department and others within the Charter School and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Mengel, Metzger, Bar & Co. LLP*

Rochester, New York  
October 16, 2013

BROOKLYN EAST COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

**Finding 2013-1**

Statement of condition

We noted during our audit a misstatement of prepaid expenses and expenses related to expensing of merchandise that was paid for in advance, but not yet received as of June 30, 2013.

Criteria and effect of conditions

We noted during our audit a misstatement of prepaid expenses and expenses related to improper expensing of items in accordance with GAAP which led to prepaid expenses being understated and expense overstated. This is considered to be a significant deficiency.

Recommendation

We recommend the Charter School review all expenditures to ensure that items are being expensed in the proper period.

Management response

This mistake occurred due to the volume of prepaid expenses at year-end. Uncommon Schools, Inc. will refine the process to make year-end prepaid expenses easily identifiable to help ensure that items are being expensed in the proper fiscal year.

**Finding 2013-2**

Statement of condition

We noted during our audit a misstatement of fixed assets, prepaid expenses and expenses related to incorrectly capitalizing and depreciating equipment when it had not been put into service or received as of June 30, 2013.

Criteria and effect of conditions

We noted during our audit a misstatement of fixed assets, prepaid expenses and expenses related to improperly depreciating an asset that had not been received as of June 30, 2013, which led to fixed assets being overstated, prepaid expenses being understated and expense overstated. This is considered to be a significant deficiency.

Recommendation

We recommend the Charter School thoroughly review the fixed asset listing for accuracy on an annual basis to ensure that assets that are being capitalized and depreciated have in fact been put into service.

Management response

This mistake occurred due to the volume of prepaid expenses at year-end. Uncommon Schools, Inc. will refine the process to make year-end prepaid expenses easily identifiable to help ensure that items are being expensed in the proper fiscal year.