FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2018

(WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR JUNE 30, 2017)

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees International Charter School of New York

# **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Charter School of New York (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, 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 of 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 School'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 School'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.

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

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# Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of International Charter School of New York as of June 30, 2018, 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 International Charter School of New York's 2017 financial statements and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 20, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 21, 2018, on our consideration of International Charter School of New York'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 the 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 International Charter School of New York's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

MBAF CPAS, LLC

New York, NY September 21, 2018

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2018 (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR JUNE 30, 2017)

ASSETS	2018		2017
Cash Cash - restricted	\$ 652,179 75,000	\$	370,827 50,000
Grants and other receivables Due from NYC Department of Education Prepaid expenses and other assets Property and equipment, net	169,763 5,195 693,199 121,212		152,274 7,329 246,478 61,952
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,716,548	\$	888,860
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued salary and other payroll related expenses	\$ 75,440 240,708	\$	82,670 135,638
	316,148		218,308
NET ASSETS			
Net assets - unrestricted	 1,400,400	<u> </u>	670,552
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,716,548	\$	888,860

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017)

	:	2018	2017
OPERATING REVENUE			
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$	4,567,966	\$ 3,262,649
Government grants and contracts		1,353,274	 1,006,949
		5,921,240	 4,269,598
EXPENSES			
Program services			
General education		3,173,949	2,403,755
Special education		1,238,326	741,410
Management and general		763,734	522,208
Fundraising		48,652	 44,716
		5,224,661	 3,712,089
SURPLUS FROM SCHOOL OPERATIONS		696,579	 557,509
SUPPORT AND OTHER INCOME			
Contributions and other grants		18,205	22,825
Miscellaneous income		15,064	 1,134
		33,269	 23,959
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		729,848	581,468
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		670,552	 89,084
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	1,400,400	\$ 670,552

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

INTERNATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL OF NEW YORK STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017) Supporting Services

Program Services

179,676 633,333 155,449 28,347 160,277 165,069 17,497 10,434 10,434 10,435 50,529 24,603 ,799,706 327,272 21,920 8,084 63,637 23,820 31,842 3,712,089 521,411 1,193,640 84,655 229 Total 2017 ¢ Э 131,651 31,468 547,476 19,062 78,506 58,513 1,121,367 34,961 108,754 50,878 1,638 642,059 73,051 145,305 119,117 28,027 77,457 45,681 6,667 5,224,661 168,152 1,734,87 2,545,082 Total 2018 ⇔ Э 48,652 5,706 11,688 1,242 26,527 818 476 17 Fundraising 26,527 364 c 328 69 77 807 530 ¢ ю 137,696 4,293 9,640 3,864 763,734 8,660 67,226 19,062 5,609 Management 303,859 312,519 73,051 91,764 14,627 34 818 905 9,511 6,247 201 6,667 and General ¢ Э 971,983 103,248 30,304 68,048 27,045 474,544 131,614 27,276 57,626 67,139 108,754 4,412,275 311,673 53,541 39,596 1,420 1,734,871 159,492 2,206,036 44,101 Total ∽ 69 79,939 483,079 638,434 137,335 281,295 29,880 21,440 7,894 19,430 12,763 20,451 8,770 19,693 11,762 12,992 11,459 \$ 1,238,326 75,416 4,317 411 Education Special Э 231,734 ,567,602 337,209 390,688 73,368 21,534 48,355 19,382 22,728 47,709 95,762 31,338 1,009 110,174 45,864 3,173,949 ,251,792 84,076 33,090 28,137 Education General \$ ю 4 32 43 Positions No. of Other purchased, professional, and consulting services Payroll taxes and employee benefits Administrative staff personnel Non-instructional personnel Accounting and audit services Instructional personnel Total salaries and staff Equipment and furnishings Marketing and recruitment Repairs and maintenance Personnel service costs Building lease and rent Supplies and materials Staff development 3ad debt expense Student services Office expense Legal services Food service Depreciation **Fechnology** Insurance Utilities Other

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

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 (WITH SUMMARIZED COMPARATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017)

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash received from operating revenue	\$ 5,905,885	\$ 4,491,060
Other cash received	33,269	23,959
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(5,522,664)	(3,843,402)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	416,490	671,617
	410,400	0/1,017
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(110,138)	(31,008)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of Fund for the City of New York loan		(288,300)
Repayment of Fund for the Ony of New Fork loan		(200,000)
NET INCREASE IN CASH	306,352	352,309
CASH AND CASH - RESTRICTED - BEGINNING OF YEAR	420,827	68,518
CASH AND CASH - RESTRICTED - END OF YEAR	\$ 727,179	\$ 420,827
Change in net assets	\$ 729,848	\$ 581,468
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash	·,- · -	÷,
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	50,878	23,820
Bad debt	6,667	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(	
Grants and other receivables	(17,489)	222,199
Due from NYC Department of Education	(4,533)	(737)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(446,721)	(126,124)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued salary and other payroll related expenses	(7,230) 105,070	(76,991) 47,982
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 416,490	\$ 671,617
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents Consist of:		
Cash	\$ 652,179	\$ 370,827
Cash - restricted	75,000	50,000
Total	\$ 727,179	\$ 420,827

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2018

#### 1. NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

International Charter School of New York (the "School") is a New York State, not-for-profit educational corporation that was incorporated on October 16, 2014 to operate a charter school pursuant to Article 56 of the Educational Law of the State of New York. The School was granted a provisional charter on October 16, 2014, valid for a term of five years by the Board of Regents of the State University of New York.

In fiscal year 2018, the school operated classes for students in kindergarten through third grade. The third grade was added in fiscal year 2018.

The School is exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC and a similar provision under New York State income tax laws. The School has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the IRC and qualifies for deductible contributions as provided in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the IRC.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Financial Statement Presentation**

The School's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

The classification of the School's net assets and its support, revenues and expenses is based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. It requires that the amounts for each of the three classes of net assets – permanently restricted, temporarily restricted, and unrestricted – be displayed in a statement of financial position and that the amounts of change in each of those classes of net assets be displayed in a statement of activities.

These classes are defined as follows:

<u>Permanently Restricted</u> – Net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the 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 School.

<u>Temporarily Restricted</u> – Net assets resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the School are limited by donor-imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled and removed by actions of the School pursuant to those stipulations. When such stipulations end or are fulfilled, such temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as such in the statement of activities.

<u>Unrestricted</u> – The part of net assets that is neither permanently nor temporarily restricted by donor-imposed stipulations.

#### Cash – restricted

An escrow account of \$75,000 is held aside for contingency purposes at June 30, 2018 as required by the Board of Regents of the State University of New York.

#### Grants and Other Receivables

Grants and other receivables represent unconditional promises to give by donors. Grants and other receivables that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value, and amount to \$169,763 and \$152,274 at June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2018

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Bad Debt Expense**

The School had bad debt expense of \$6,667 for the year ended June 30, 2018. The School had no bad debt expense for the year ended June 30, 2017. The School determined that no allowance for uncollectible accounts was necessary at June 30, 2018 and 2017. Such estimate is based on management's assessments of the creditworthiness of its donors, the aged basis of its receivables, as well as current economic conditions and historical information.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

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

Revenue from federal, state and local government grants and contracts are recorded when qualifying expenditures are incurred and billable. Funds received in advance for which qualifying expenditures have not been incurred would be reflected as refundable advances from state and local government grants in the accompanying statement of financial position.

Revenue is recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the School that is, in substance, unconditional. Grants and other contributions of cash are reported as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value.

#### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment are stated at cost and are depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the life of the asset or the life of the lease. The School has established a \$2,000 threshold above which assets are evaluated to be capitalized. Property and equipment acquired with certain government contract funds is recorded as an expense pursuant to the terms of the contract in which the government funding source retains ownership of the property. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred; major renewals and betterments are capitalized.

#### Impairment

The School reviews long-lived assets to determine whether there has been any permanent impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the assets, the School recognizes an impairment loss. No impairment losses were recognized for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

#### **Functional Allocation of Expenses**

Expenses that can be directly identified with the program or supporting service to which they relate are charged accordingly. Other expenses by function have been allocated among program and supporting service classifications based upon benefits received.

#### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2018

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### **Subsequent Events**

The School has evaluated events through September 21, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### **Income Taxes**

The School follows the accounting standard for uncertainty in income taxes. The standard prescribes a minimum recognition threshold and measurement methodology that a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return is required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. It also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, disclosure, and transition.

The School files informational returns in the Federal and New York State jurisdictions. The School is subject to Federal, state, or local income tax examination for all fiscal years in which informational returns were filed.

The School believes that it has appropriate support for the positions taken on its tax returns. Nonetheless, the amounts ultimately paid, if any, upon resolution of the issues raised by the taxing authorities may differ materially from the amounts accrued for each year. Management believes that its nonprofit status would be sustained upon examination.

Should there be interest on underpayments of income tax, the School would classify it as "Interest Expense." The School would classify penalties in connection with underpayments of income tax as "Other Expense."

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an accounting standards update which affects the revenue recognition of entities that enter into either (1) certain contracts to transfer goods or services to customers or (2) certain contracts for the transfer of nonfinancial assets. The update indicates an entity should recognize revenue in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for the goods or services transferred by the entity. The update is to be applied to the beginning of the year of implementation or retrospectively and is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018 and in interim periods in annual periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Early application is permitted, but no earlier than annual reporting periods beginning after December 31, 2016. The School is currently evaluating the effect the update will have on its financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update which amends existing lease guidance. The update requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and related lease liability for many operating leases now currently off-balance sheet under current U.S. GAAP. Accounting by lessors remains largely unchanged from current U.S. GAAP. The update is effective using a modified retrospective approach for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and for interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, with early application permitted. The School is currently evaluating the effect the update will have on its financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standards update which aims to improve information provided to creditors, donors, grantors, and others while also reducing complexity and costs. The update is the first phase of a project regarding not-for-profits which aims to improve and simplify net asset classification requirements and improve the information presented and disclosed in financial statements about liquidity, cash flows, and financial performance. The update is effective retrospectively for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with earlier application permitted. The School is currently evaluating the effect the update will have on its financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2018

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform to the presentation in the current year financial statements. This reclassification had no effect on previously reported change in net assets.

#### 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following as of June 30,:

	2018	2017	Estimated Useful Lives
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$ 149,825	\$ 69.539	5 years
Computers	51,123	32,423	3 years
Leasehold improvements	11,152	 	2 years
	212,100	101,962	
Less: accumulated depreciation	(90,888)	 <u>(40,010)</u>	
	<u>\$ 121.212</u>	\$ 61.952	

Depreciation expense amounted to \$50,878 and \$23,820 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

#### 4. GRANTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Grants and other receivables consist of federal and state entitlements and grants, as well as unconditional promises to give by donors. The School expects to collect these receivables within one year. Grants and other receivables consist of the following as of June 30,:

	2018	2017
CSP	\$ -	\$ 42,437
E-Rate Reimbursement	4,080	8,386
Title I	22,875	6,799
Title II	41,611	1,441
Facility Assistance	1,035	1,035
NYS Additional Funding	99,769	89,844
Other	393	2,332
	<u>\$ 169.763</u>	<u>\$ 152.274</u>

#### 5. FUND FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK LOAN

The School received an interest-free loan from the Fund for the City of New York amounting to \$288,300 during fiscal year 2016. The School was also awarded a grant during the same year from New York City Department of Youth and Community Development ("DYCD") to cover start-up expenses. In July 2016, the School received the grant proceeds and repaid the interest-free loan.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2018

#### 6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School maintains commercial insurance to help protect itself from such risks.

The School entered into contractual relationships with certain governmental funding sources. The governmental agencies may request return of funds as a result of noncompliance by the School. The accompanying financial statements make no provision for the possible disallowance or refund.

#### 7. CONCENTRATIONS

Financial instruments that potentially subject the School to a concentration of credit risk include cash accounts at a major financial institution that, at times, exceeded the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limit of \$250,000.

The School received approximately 77% and 76% of its total revenue from per pupil funding from the NYCDOE during the years ending June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The School's grants and other receivables consist of two major grantors accounting for approximately 97% and 87% for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The School's payables consist of three major vendors accounting for approximately 44% at June 30, 2018. The School's payables consist of three major vendors accounting for approximately 64% at June 30, 2017.

#### 8. COMMITMENTS

In April 2015, the School entered into a sub-lease agreement with Brooklyn Friends School for the premises at 55 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The lease was modified and extended through August 30, 2020 with 100 Equities Associates.

In July 2017, the School entered into a lease agreement for additional space at Hanson Place SDA School through July 31, 2018. This lease has not been renewed.

Friends of International Charter School of New York, Inc. ("Friends of ICSNY") is a related party of the School. Subsequent to year end, Friends of ICSNY entered into a lease agreement with Science, Language and Arts for the premises at 522 – 528 Fulton Street through June 30, 2020. The School will pay monthly rent of \$50,000 to Friends of ICSNY for use of this space beginning in July 2018.

Future minimum rental lease payments are as follows:

2020 2021	<u> </u>	787,174 <u>131,939</u> <b>1.718.000</b>
2020	÷	787,174
June 30, 2019	\$	798,887

Rent expense for the year ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 was \$1,121,367 and \$633,333, respectively, and is included in building lease and rent on the statement of functional expenses.



#### 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 International Charter School of New York

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of International Charter School of New York (the "School"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, 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 September 21, 2018.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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 the School in a separate letter dated September 21, 2018.

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#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

MBAF CPAS, LLC

New York, NY September 21, 2018

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS JUNE 30, 2018

#### **Financial Statement Findings**

Finding No. 2017-01

#### **Condition:**

The School is required to be in compliance with the New York State Education Department ("NYSED") requirements. NYSED requires the School to obtain and maintain proof of fingerprinting clearance for all employees who are in contact with the students. The School did not meet the requirement of fingerprinting clearance for 4 of the 25 employee files tested.

#### **Current Status:**

The finding has been corrected.

**International Charter School of New York** 

Communication With Those Charged With Governance

September 21, 2018





September 21, 2018

To the Audit Committee International Charter School of New York

We have audited the financial statements of International Charter School of New York (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and are prepared to issue our report thereon dated September 21, 2018. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. This letter is divided into two sections: 1) required communications from the auditors to those with audit oversight responsibilities and 2) opportunities for strengthening internal controls or enhancing operating efficiency and our related recommendations.

#### **REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS**

#### A. Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards:

As stated in our engagement letter March 13, 2018, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express an opinion about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of International Charter School of New York. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control. We are responsible for communicating significant matters related to the audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.

#### B. Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit:

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on in May 2018.

#### C. Auditor Independence:

We affirm that MBAF CPAs, LLC is independent with respect to International Charter School of New York.

#### D. Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices:

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by International Charter School of New York are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the School during the period for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

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#### E. Accounting Estimates Used in the Financial Statements:

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

#### Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:

As of June 30, 2018, International Charter School of New York recorded grants and other receivables of \$169,763. Management concluded that no allowance for doubtful accounts was necessary. Management calculated based on the assessment of the credit-worthiness of the School's donors, the aged basis of the receivables, as well as economic conditions and historical information. Based on our audit procedures which included a discussion with the school leadership and a review of subsequent collections we concur with management's conclusion.

#### **Functional Statement Allocation:**

Management's estimate of the allocation of functional expenses is directly identified with the program or supporting service to which they relate. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Depreciation:**

Management's estimate of depreciation is based on estimated useful lives of assets. We evaluated the estimated useful lives of assets in comparison to generally accepted accounting principles in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### F. Sensitive Disclosures Affecting the Financial Statements:

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear. Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure(s) affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosure of Risk Management in Note 6 to the financial statements describes various risks to which the School is exposed.

#### G. Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements:

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. We will identify those adjustments proposed both corrected and uncorrected:

#### **Proposed and Corrected:**

There was one audit adjustment totaling \$6,667 that did not affect net assets that was proposed and corrected during the period.



#### Proposed and Uncorrected:

There were no audit adjustments proposed and uncorrected during the period.

#### H. Audit Difficulties and Disagreements with Management:

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

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

#### I. Management Representations:

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated September 21, 2018.

# J. Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants:

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the School's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### K. Other Audit Findings or Issues:

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the School's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRENGTHENING INTERNAL CONTROLS OR ENHANCING OPERATING EFFICIENCY

We wish to thank management and personnel for their support and assistance during our audit. We would be pleased to further discuss the contents of this report with you at your convenience.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Audit Committee, Board of Trustees, and management of International Charter School of New York and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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