

**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD, CHARTER SCHOOL AND CHARTER
TECHNICAL CAREER CENTER, THE FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL
(INCLUDING FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL GLOBAL), AND
VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION PROGRAM PROVIDER
AUDIT REPORT SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST**

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Fiscal Year Audited: June 30, 2022

Date the auditor delivered the audit report to the entity: September 29, 2022

Does the audit report include the following items required by Sections 10.806(2) or 10.856(2), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable?

 X Financial statements, as described in Sections 10.805(3) and 10.855(3) - (7), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable, together with related notes to financial statements?

 X Required supplementary information such as the management's discussion and analysis?

 X The auditor's report on the financial statements?

 X The auditor's report on internal control and compliance?

 N/A Any other auditor's reports, related financial information, and auditee-prepared documents required pursuant to Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) or other applicable Federal law?

 X The management letter defined in Sections 10.804(1)(f) and 10.854(1)(e), Rules of the Auditor General, as applicable?

**CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF
THE PALM BEACHES, INC.**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Year Ended June 30, 2022

Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. ("the Center"), a charter school, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.'s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Center, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Center adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Basis for Opinions

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 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Center and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management's 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Center's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Center's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4–8 and 24-25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 27, 2022, on our consideration of the Center'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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Center's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Boca Raton, FL
September 27, 2022

**CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

Our discussion and analysis of the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.'s ("Center") financial program provides an overview of the Center's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Because the information contained in this discussion is intended to highlight significant transactions, it should be read in conjunction with the Center's financial statements which begin on page 9.

For financial statement purposes for the year ended June 30, 2022, the Center is not considered a component unit of the Palm Beach County District School Board, Florida, which is a primary government entity for financial reporting. The Center has included separate statements for the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds. The Fund Financial Statements reflect financing activities of the Center by providing information on inflows and outflows of spendable resources, while the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information on the activities of the Center.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Center's financial position. Included in these statements are all assets and liabilities using the accrual method of accounting. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are recorded when received.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Center's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Center is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the governmental net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

Fund Financial Statements

A *Fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives.

Governmental Funds - All of the Center's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending.

**CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Center's governmental activities and the basic services it provides.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The *Notes to the Financial Statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The Notes to the Financial Statements can be found on pages 15-23 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Center's financial position. Current and other assets of the School, primarily consisting of cash and cash equivalents, increased as a result of the Paycheck Protection Program loan. Capital assets increased as a result of the Center implementing GASB No. 87 - *Leases*. Leases are now required to be reported in the statement of net position as an intangible asset titled right-to-use lease asset with a corresponding lease liability. Increase in noncurrent liabilities is a result of the Paycheck Protection Program loan, which is expected to be forgiven. The Center's assets exceeded liabilities by \$592,572 and \$238,870 at June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021, respectively.

NET POSITION

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>Variance</u>
Current Assets	\$ 730,553	\$	832,094	\$	(101,541)
Capital Assets	<u>840,433</u>		<u>79,566</u>		<u>760,867</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>1,570,986</u>	\$	<u>911,660</u>	\$	<u>659,326</u>
Current Liabilities	184,615		188,820		(4,205)
Non-current Liabilities	<u>793,799</u>		<u>483,970</u>		<u>309,829</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 978,414	\$	672,790	\$	305,624

**CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

Net Position

Investments in Capital Assets	\$ 46,634	\$ 79,566	\$ (32,932)
Unrestricted	495,938	109,304	386,634
Restricted	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Net Position	<u>592,572</u>	<u>238,870</u>	<u>353,702</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ <u>1,570,986</u>	\$ <u>911,660</u>	\$ <u>659,326</u>

Revenue Sources

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Variance</u>
State passed through local school	\$ 2,199,874	\$ 2,274,891	(75,017)
Federal passed through local schools	914,228	371,447	542,781
Interest income	3	(524)	527
PPP forgiveness	483,970	515,400	(31,430)
Other revenue	<u>1,004,454</u>	<u>798,232</u>	<u>206,222</u>
Total	\$ <u>4,602,529</u>	\$ <u>3,959,446</u>	\$ <u>643,083</u>

Revenues for governmental activities totaled \$4,602,529 and \$3,959,446 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The main sources of revenue were from the Florida Education Finance Program ("FEFP"), private donations and various grants. FEFP revenues represented approximately 48% and 57%, respectively, of total revenue for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021. Other revenue increased from 2021 to 2022 primarily as the result of the Charter School Referendum funds received for the penny sales tax increase in Palm Beach County and those funds were allocated to the Center.

**CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (continued)

Expenses for major functions of the Center are shown in the following table:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Variances</u>
Instruction	\$ 2,144,979	\$ 2,004,148	\$ 140,831
Student support services	592,983	587,554	5,429
Instructional related technology	80,615	73,299	7,316
Board expenses	32,325	21,174	11,151
General administration	18,741	28,429	(9,688)
School administration	313,391	237,293	76,098
Facilities acquisitions & construction	238,242	305,471	(67,229)
Fiscal services	58,576	57,297	1,279
Pupil transportation services	36,141	39,135	(2,994)
Operation of plant	354,429	307,170	47,259
Maintenance of plant	-	6,474	(6,474)
Community activities	333,143	192,769	140,374
Interest - lease activities	45,262	-	45,262
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Totals	\$ 4,248,827	\$ 3,860,213	\$ 388,614

The largest increases occurred in the instruction and plant operation functions as a direct result of an increase in spending related to various federal and other grants received. The Center paid some teachers incentive bonuses from the Charter School Referendum funding and paid for additional security.

FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Key highlights for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenue	\$ 4,118,559	\$ 3,444,046	\$ 674,513
Other financing sources, net of debt costs	21,360	483,970	(462,610)
Expenditures	<u>(4,237,255)</u>	<u>(3,849,284)</u>	<u>(387,971)</u>
Change in fund balance	(97,336)	78,732	(176,068)
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>643,274</u>	<u>564,542</u>	<u>78,732</u>
Fund balance, end of year	\$ <u>545,938</u>	\$ <u>643,274</u>	\$ <u>(97,336)</u>

**CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2022**

CURRENT YEAR VS PRIOR YEAR RESULTS

2021-2022 was the fifth year that the Center enrolled students as a charter school. Total revenue was \$4,118,559 and \$3,444,046 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The increase in revenue was the result of the Center receiving additional funds from fundraising and the Charter School Referendum allocation. Total expenses were \$4,237,255 and \$3,849,284 for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The increase in expenses is primarily attributable to an increase in instruction salaries and support staff as well as fundraising costs which resulting in the Center raising additional funds.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS – GENERAL FUND

Actual revenue was approximately \$17,000 over the budgeted revenue mostly due to additional donations received in the last quarter of the fiscal year that were not budgeted for. Actual expenses were approximately \$240,000 over budgeted due an increase in instruction costs that weren't included in the final budget amendment.

INVESTMENTS

In June 2021, the Center contributed \$50,000 to start the Connections Education Center Endowment Fund which is being run through the Community Foundation for the Palm Beaches and Martin Counties. These funds cannot be used for any purpose and have been recorded as restricted in the statement of net position.

NON-CURRENT LIABILITES

As previously noted, the Center adopted GASB No. 87 – *Leases* which resulted in non-current lease liability on the statement of net position. Instead of expensing the lease payments, the lease liability is amortized over the life of the lease.

PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

The Center continues to search for private donors as a means to generate additional revenues to support operations. In addition, the Center is hosting its annual gala in February 2023 that is anticipated to net the Center approximately \$100,000 in donations. In addition, the facility that the Center rents was sold, and the Center is working on a more favorable long-term lease with the new landlord.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.'s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc., 1310 Old Congress Ave., Suite 100, West Palm Beach, FL 33409.

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

		Governmental Activities
ASSETS		
Cash	\$	509,573
Investments		50,000
Accounts receivable, net		54,593
Due from related party		108,395
Deposit		5,000
Prepaid expenses		2,992
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		840,433
Total assets	\$	1,570,986
LIABILITES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$	20,118
Accrued salaries and payroll deductions		164,497
Total current liabilities		184,615
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Portion due within one year		
Lease obligatons		252,540
Portion due after one year		
Lease obligatons		541,259
Total non-current liabilities		793,799
Total liabilities		978,414
NET POSITION		
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt		46,634
Unrestricted		495,938
Restricted		50,000
Total net position		592,572
Total liabilities and net position	\$	1,570,986

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

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities					
Basic instruction	\$ 2,144,979	\$ -	\$ 417,358	\$ -	\$ (1,727,621)
Student support services	592,983	-	324,512	-	(268,471)
Instructional media services	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional staff training	-	-	-	-	-
Instructional related technology	80,615	-	-	-	(80,615)
Board	32,325	-	-	-	(32,325)
General administration	18,741	-	-	-	(18,741)
School administration	313,391	-	-	-	(313,391)
Facilities acquisition and construction	238,242	-	-	62,662	(175,580)
Fiscal services	58,576	-	-	-	(58,576)
Central services	-	-	-	-	-
Pupil transportation services	36,141	-	-	-	(36,141)
Operation of plant	354,429	-	109,696	-	(244,733)
Maintenance of plant	-	-	-	-	-
Community activities	333,143	-	-	-	(333,143)
Interest - lease liability	45,262	-	-	-	(45,262)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 4,248,827</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 851,566</u>	<u>\$ 62,662</u>	<u>(3,334,599)</u>

General Revenues

Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	-
State revenues	2,199,874
Investment earnings	3
PPP loan forgiveness	-
Miscellaneous	1,488,424
Total General Revenues	<u>3,688,301</u>
Change in net position	353,702
Net position, July 1, 2021	238,870
Net position, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 592,572</u>

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

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 509,573	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 509,573
Investments	50,000	-	-	50,000
Accounts receivable	7,660	40,981	5,952	54,593
Due from funds	46,933	-	-	46,933
Due from related party	108,395	-	-	108,395
Deposit	5,000	-	-	5,000
Prepaid expenses	2,992	-	-	2,992
Total Assets	\$ 730,553	\$ 40,981	\$ 5,952	\$ 777,486
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 20,118	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,118
Accrued salaries and payroll deductions	164,497	-	-	164,497
Due to funds	-	40,981	5,952	46,933
Total Liabilities	184,615	40,981	5,952	231,548
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	7,992	-	-	7,992
Restricted	50,000	-	-	50,000
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	487,946	-	-	487,946
Total Fund Balances	545,938	-	-	545,938
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 730,553	\$ 40,981	\$ 5,952	\$ 777,486

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

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2022

Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$	545,938
<p>Capital assets and right to use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds</p>		
Governmental capital assets	\$	1,234,103
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>(393,670)</u>
		840,433
<p>Lease liabilities are reported as financing sources in the general fund and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the Statement of Net Position, however, issuing debt increases current liabilities and does not affect the Statement of Activities.</p>		
		<u>(793,799)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activites	\$	<u><u>592,572</u></u>

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

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total
REVENUES				
Federal passed through local school district	\$ -	\$ 512,872	\$ -	\$ 512,872
State passed through local school district	2,199,874	-	62,662	2,262,536
Other revenue	1,004,454	338,694	-	1,343,148
Investment earnings	3	-	-	3
TOTAL REVENUES	3,204,331	851,566	62,662	4,118,559
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES				
Basic instruction	1,729,843	417,358	-	2,147,201
Student support services	268,471	324,512	-	592,983
Instructional related technology	80,615	-	-	80,615
Board	32,325	-	-	32,325
General administration	18,741	-	-	18,741
School administration	310,270	-	-	310,270
Facilities acquisition and construction	(69,861)	-	62,662	(7,199)
Fiscal services	58,576	-	-	58,576
Central services	-	-	-	-
Pupil transportation services	29,433	-	-	29,433
Operation of plant	256,948	109,696	-	366,644
Maintenance of plant	-	-	-	-
Community activities	333,143	-	-	333,143
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Principal payments - lease liability	229,261	-	-	229,261
Interest - lease liability	45,262	-	-	45,262
Total expenses	3,323,027	851,566	62,662	4,237,255
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	(118,696)	-	-	(118,696)
Other financing sources	-	-	-	-
New copier lease liability	21,360	-	-	21,360
Total other financing sources	21,360	-	-	21,360
Net changes in fund balance	(97,336)	-	-	(97,336)
Fund balances, July 1, 2021	643,274	-	-	643,274
Fund balances, June 30, 2022	\$ 545,938	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 545,938

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

**CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2022**

Net Change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ (97,336)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Expenditures for capital assets	\$ 19,760	
Less current year depreciation and amortization	<u>(281,953)</u>	(262,193)

PPP loan forgiveness reduces liabilities in the government wide statement of net position, but does not affect fund balances.	483,970
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The issuance of noncurrent debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds. This amount represents the current year additions to noncurrent debt	-	
Less current year lease repayments	<u>229,261</u>	<u>229,261</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ <u><u>353,702</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these basic financial statements.

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Reporting Entity

Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. (the “Center”) operates as a Charter School pursuant to a Charter School Contract (“the Contract”) with the Palm Beach County District School Board, Florida (“the District”). Under the Contract, the Center provides an education to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder grades K-8 who reside in Palm Beach County. The Center was initially formed as a non-profit private school and received a tax-exempt designation effective April 20, 2015. The governing body of the Center is the Board of Directors, which is composed of seven members.

The Center is a non-profit organization and is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The general operating authority of the Center is contained in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes. The current charter is for a term of 10 school years commencing with the 2022 - 2023 school year. The charter may be renewed as provided in Section 1002.33, Florida Statutes, upon mutual consent of the parties and execution of a written renewal. At the end of the term of the charter, the District may choose not to renew the charter under grounds specified in the charter in which case the District is required to notify the Center in writing at least 90 days prior to the charter’s expiration. During the term of the charter, the District may also terminate the charter if good cause is shown.

Criteria for determining if other entities are potential component units which should be reported within the Center’s basic financial statements are identified and described in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board’s (GASB) *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, Sections 2100 and 2600. The application of these criteria provide for identification of any entities for which the Center is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Center are such that exclusion would cause the Center’s basic financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on these criteria, no component units are included within the reporting entity of the Center.

As a result of implementing GASB 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus*, the District and its auditors are of the opinion that the Center is no longer to be treated as a component unit for financial reporting purposes. There is no change in the relationship with the District or the District’s oversight or monitoring responsibilities.

2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of activities. These statements report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Center. As part of the consolidation process, all interfund activities are eliminated from these statements. Both statements report only governmental activities as the Center does not engage in any business type activities.

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JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

Net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, as presented in the statement of net position, are subdivided into three categories: amounts invested in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. Net position is reported as restricted when constraints are imposed on the use of the amounts either externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or enabling legislation.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between the direct and indirect expenses of a given function and its program revenues and displays the extent to which each function contributes to the change in net position for the fiscal year. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable to a specific function. Indirect expenses are costs the Center has allocated to various functions. Program revenues consist of charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions. Charges for services refer to amounts received from those who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment. Grants and contributions consist of revenues that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Revenues not classified as program revenues are reported as general revenues.

GASB issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. Statement 54 establishes the following classifications depicting the relative strength of the constraints that control how specific amounts can be spent:

- Nonspendable fund balance - includes amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact and that are not expected to be converted to cash.
- Restricted fund balance - includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by external resource providers, constitutionally, or through enabling legislation. Effectively, restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of resource providers.
- Committed fund balance - includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Center's highest level of decision-making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the Center taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally.
- Assigned fund balance - comprises amounts intended to be used by the Center for specific purposes. Intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund.

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JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

- Unassigned fund balance - the residual classification for the general fund and includes all amounts not contained in the other classifications. Unassigned amounts are technically available for any purpose. If another governmental fund has a fund balance deficit, then it will be reported as a negative amount in the unassigned classification in that fund. Positive unassigned amounts will be reported only in the general fund.

Separate fund financial statements report detailed information about the Center's governmental funds. The focus of the governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Therefore, major funds are reported in separate columns on the fund financial statements. All the Center's funds were deemed major funds. A reconciliation is provided that converts the results of governmental fund accounting to the government - wide presentation.

3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the period earned and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred.

All governmental fund financial statements are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus on a modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues, except for certain grant revenues, are recognized in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period, considered to be sixty days. When grant terms provide that the expenditure of resources is the prime factor for determining eligibility for federal, state, and other grant resources, revenue is recognized at the time the expenditure is made.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, principal and interest on general long-term debt is recorded as expenditures only when payment is due.

The Center's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Accordingly, the financial statements are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an accounting entity having a self-balancing set of accounts for recording assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures, and other financing sources and uses.

Resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The Center reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund — the general operating fund of the Center. It is used to account for all financial resources not required to be accounted for in another fund.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

Special Revenue Fund – to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund - to account for the proceeds Capital Outlay and other revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for capital projects.

The Center has a revenue spending policy that provides for programs with multiple revenue sources. The board of directors will use resources in the following hierarchy: debt proceeds, federal funds, state funds, local non-city funds, city funds and funds passed through the District. For purposes of fund balance classification expenditures are to be spent from restricted fund balance first, followed in-order by committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and lastly unassigned fund balance. The board of directors has the authority to deviate from this policy if it is in the best interest of the Center.

4. Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The Center’s annual budgets are adopted for the entire operations of the Center and may be amended by the Board of Directors (the “Board”). Since the budgetary basis differs from generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), budget and actual amounts in the accompanying required supplementary information are presented on the budgetary basis. A reconciliation of revenues over expenditures presented in conformity with GAAP is set forth in the adjustments to the required supplementary information.

5. Cash

Cash is made up of cash on hand at the Center and/or checking and a money market account held at one financial institution. The Center has no cash equivalents.

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment and right-to-use lease assets, are reported in the applicable governmental columns on the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Center as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life of more than two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market values at the date of donation. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Center recorded net capital assets of \$840,433.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property, plant, and equipment of the Center are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Type	Estimated Useful Lives
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	5 - 10
School bus	5
Right-to-use lease assets	2 - 4

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

7. Revenue Sources

Revenues for current operations are received primarily from the State of Florida passed through the District to the Center pursuant to the funding provisions included in the Center’s charter. In accordance with the funding provisions of the charter and Section 1002.33(18), Florida Statutes, the Center reports the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students and related data to the District. Under the provisions of Section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, the District reports the number of FTE students and related data to the Florida Department of Education (FDE) for funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP). Funding for the Center is adjusted during the year to reflect revised calculations by the FDE under the FEFP and actual weighted FTE students reported by the Center during designated FTE student survey periods.

The Center receives federal awards for the enhancement of various educational programs. This assistance is generally based on applications submitted to and approved by various granting agencies. These federal awards may have requirements whereby the issuance of grant funds is withheld until qualifying expenditures are incurred. Revenues for these awards are recognized only to the extent that eligible expenditures have been incurred.

Additionally, miscellaneous revenues are derived from various fundraising activities and private donations.

8. Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

9. Income taxes

The Center is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

The Center is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Center’s federal income tax returns for 2020-2022 remain subject to examination by major tax jurisdictions.

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
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JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

10. Recent accounting pronouncement

In June 201, the GASB issued Statement on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 87 – *Leases*. This statement requires the recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use asset and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirement of this statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2021, and all reporting periods thereafter. The Center adopted this statement for the year ended June 30, 2022. The adoption did not result in any changes to previously reported amounts of net position or fund balances. See Notes C and H for additional information about the Center's leases.

NOTE B – CONCENTRATIONS

1. Revenue Sources

As stated in Note A-7, the Center receives revenues for current operations primarily from the State of Florida through the District. The following is a schedule of revenue sources and amounts:

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Amounts</u>
Federal grants through local district	\$ 512,872
State funding through local district	2,262,536
PPP forgiveness	483,970
Aftercare and other revenue	<u>859,181</u>
	<u>\$4,118,559</u>

2. Cash

Under Chapter 280, Florida Statutes, the Center's deposits must be placed in banks and savings and loans which are qualified as public depositories. The Center maintains cash deposits at a bank in Florida. Deposits at the bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000. Monies deposited in amounts greater than the insurance coverage are secured by the banks pledging securities with the State Treasurer and collateral pool.

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NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	<u>Balance at June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Adjustments and Deletions</u>	<u>Balance at June 30, 2022</u>
Capital assets depreciated and amortized:				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 122,473	\$ 19,760	\$ -	\$ 142,232
Right-to-use leased assets	-	1,023,060	-	1,023,060
Buses	<u>68,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,810</u>
Total assets depreciated and amortized	<u>\$ 191,283</u>	<u>\$ 1,042,820</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,234,103</u>
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization				
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 62,099	\$ 21,378	\$ -	\$ 83,477
Right-to-use leased assets	-	253,866	-	253,866
Busses	<u>49,619</u>	<u>6,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,327</u>
Total assets depreciated and amortized	<u>\$ 111,717</u>	<u>\$ 281,954</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 393,670</u>
Total governmental activities Capital assets, net				<u>\$ 840,433</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense of \$281,954 was charged to the basic instruction (\$14,454), school administration (\$6,205), facilities acquisition (\$245,441), plant operation (\$9,145) and transportation services (\$6,708) functions for the year ended June 30, 2022.

As noted in the financial statements, the Center adopted GASB 87 effective July 1, 2021 and recorded right-to-use lease assets for its premises and copier machines.

NOTE D – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of amounts due related to capital outlay, Title I, a federal grant related to Covid-19 as well as miscellaneous amounts due from the aftercare program. Management is of the opinion that the balance is fully collectible at June 30, 2022 and has not established an allowance for bad debts.

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NOTE E – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Center receives most of its funding from the District through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), which is based on the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students attending the Center. The FTE count is subject to audit and if discrepancies are found, it could result in funds owed to the state or future decreases in funding. If any such errors were found, management has taken the position that any funds to be refunded would not be material to the Center's net financial position.

In the normal course of conducting its operations, the Center may become party to legal actions and proceedings. Management has determined that the ultimate resolution of such legal matters, if any, will not have a significant effect on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE F – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Center offers a defined contribution plan named Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches 403(b) Plan. To be eligible to participate in the plan, participants must be at least 18 years old. Participants can elect to contribute up to 100% of their salary, subject to annual IRS limitations. The plan document states that the Center will not make any contributions to the plan. Therefore, for the year ended June 30, 2022, the Center made no contribution to the plan.

NOTE G – DUE FROM RELATED PARTY

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the Center shared certain employee and rent expenses with a high school located at the same facility. The allocation of shared costs was based on student count in both schools which resulted in 75% of the shared costs being allocated to the Center. These are considered arms-length transactions and at June 30, 2022, the related party owed the Center \$108,395. Management has determined this amount to be 100% collectible.

NOTE H – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

On February 23, 2021, the Center received its second Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan in the amount of \$483,970. The Center received full forgiveness for the second PPP loan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 and the revenue is reflected in the statement of activities as revenue under general revenues.

The Center established a lease liability for its premises and copier machines at the beginning of the year for \$1,023,060, recorded payments of \$229,261 during the year which resulted in a lease liability of \$793,799 at June 30, 2022. The current portion of the lease liability due within one year is \$252,540. The following table summarizes the Center's future debt service as of June 30, 2022:

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NOTE H – NONCURRENT LIABILITIES (continued)

Year ending	Lease liability	Lease liability
<u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2023	\$ 252,540	\$ 33,955
2024	273,358	20,844
2025	264,476	6,834
2026	<u>3,425</u>	<u>57</u>
Total	<u>\$ 793,799</u>	<u>\$ 63,689</u>

NOTE I - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Center is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. The Center purchases commercial insurance for all material risks of loss to which the Center is exposed, including general liability, property and workers compensation.

The Center did not have any settlements that exceeded insurance coverage for the years ended June 30, 2020 – 2022.

NOTE J – ENDOWMENT

On June 18, 2021, the Center established the Connections Education Center Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties with a \$50,000 contribution. These funds are presented on the statement of net position as an investment and restricted net position. These funds, plus future contributions and subsequent earnings are restricted in nature as the Center does not have control over access to them. At the current time, no funds shall be distributed from the endowment.

NOTE K – COVID-19

The Center’s management is unable to determine the duration and extent of the financial impact that COVID-19 will have on the Center.

NOTE L – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The landlord sold the building in August 2022 and the Center is currently renegotiating a new lease with the new landlord.

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 27, 2022, which is the date the financial statements became available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022
(UNAUDITED)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Federal passed through local school district	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State passed through local school district	2,415,334	2,221,594	2,199,874	(21,720)
Other revenue	927,000	965,262	1,004,454	39,192
Total revenues	3,342,334	3,186,856	3,204,328	17,472
Expenses				
Basic instruction	1,605,329	1,462,016	1,729,843	267,827
Student support services	529,729	309,729	268,471	(41,258)
Instructional related technology	81,196	81,196	80,615	(581)
Board	20,500	40,000	32,325	(7,675)
General administration	-	-	18,741	18,741
School administration	257,002	285,450	310,270	24,820
Facilities acquisition and construction	211,136	206,988	(69,861)	(276,849)
Fiscal services	59,244	59,244	58,576	(668)
Central services	-	-	-	-
Pupil transportation services	32,608	32,608	29,433	(3,175)
Operation of plant	230,992	258,075	256,948	(1,127)
Maintenance of plant	-	-	-	-
Community activities	181,425	347,500	333,143	(14,357)
Debt service				
Principal payments - lease liability	-	-	229,261	229,261
Interest - lease liability	-	-	45,262	45,262
Total expenses	3,209,161	3,082,806	3,323,027	240,221
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenses	133,173	104,050	(118,699)	(222,749)
Other financing sources				
New copier lease liability	-	-	21,360	21,360
Total other financing sources	-	-	21,360	21,360
Net change in fund balance	133,173	104,050	(97,339)	(201,389)
Fund balance, July 1, 2021	643,274	643,274	643,274	-
Fund balance, June 30, 2022	\$ 776,447	\$ 747,324	\$ 545,935	\$ (201,389)

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

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022
(UNAUDITED)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues				
Federal passed through local school district	\$ 377,307	\$ 455,032	\$ 512,872	\$ 57,840
State passed through local school district	-	-	-	-
Other revenue	-	-	338,694	338,694
	<u>377,307</u>	<u>455,032</u>	<u>851,566</u>	<u>396,534</u>
Expenses				
Basic instruction	257,000	331,295	417,358	86,063
Student support services	70,307	73,737	324,512	250,775
Instructional related technology	-	-	-	-
Board	-	-	-	-
General administration	-	-	-	-
School administration	-	-	-	-
Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-	-	-
Fiscal services	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-
Pupil transportation services	-	-	-	-
Operation of plant	50,000	50,000	109,696	59,696
Maintenance of plant	-	-	-	-
Community activities	-	-	-	-
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Principal payments - lease liability	-	-	-	-
Interest - lease liability	-	-	-	-
	<u>377,307</u>	<u>455,032</u>	<u>851,566</u>	<u>396,534</u>
Revenues over expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	-	-	-	-
Fund balance, July 1, 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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 Members of
Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida

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 governmental activities and each major fund the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc., (the "Center," a nonprofit organization), a charter school, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.'s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Center's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center'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 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 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2022-01 that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Center'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*.

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 organization'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 organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Guller Robinson CPA, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light blue rectangular background.

September 27, 2022
Boca Raton, Florida

CONNECTIONS EDUCATION CENTER OF THE PALM BEACHES, INC.
A Charter School located in
Palm Beach County, Florida

Schedule of Current Year Findings and Responses

JUNE 30, 2022

Material Weaknesses

2022-01 – Material Adjusting Journal Entries

Criteria

The Center has an internal policy whereby if there are material or complex transactions that occur during the fiscal year that they are to discuss them in detail with the outside accountant to ensure they are reviewed, approved and properly recorded in the books and records of the Center.

Condition

We reported material audit adjustments totaling \$793,799 to financial statements related to the implementation of GASB No. 87 – *Leases* during the year.

Context

The material audit adjustments were noted through our testing of certain asset, liability and expenses/expenditures accounts.

Effect

Had we not recorded the material audit adjustments, the financial statements of the Center would be materially misstated.

Cause

The Center did not follow its policy to review complex and material transaction in detail with the outside accountant to ensure they are properly reviewed, approved and recorded.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Center follow its internal procedures to ensure that all material and complex transactions are properly reviewed, approved and recorded on a timely basis with the outside accountant.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions

We discussed this finding with our third-party CPA and are in agreement that if we do enter into any additional material or complex transactions that we will be in direct contact with them to ensure the transaction is properly recorded.



**Management Letter as Required by the Rules of the Florida Auditor General,
Chapter 10.850, Florida Statutes, *Charter School Audits***

To the Board of Directors of
Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc., Florida, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 2022.

Auditor's Responsibility

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.850, Rules of the Auditor General.

Other Reporting Requirements

We have issued our Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. Disclosures in that report, which is dated September 27, 2022, should be considered in conjunction with this management letter.

Prior Audit Findings

Section 10.854(1)(e)1., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we determine whether or not corrective actions have been taken to address findings and recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report. There were no findings or recommendations made in the preceding annual financial audit report.

Official Title

Section 10.854(1)(e)5, Rules of the Auditor General, requires the name or official title of the entity and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education be disclosed in this management letter. The official title and the school code assigned by the Florida Department of Education of the entity are Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. and 504100.

Financial Condition and Management

Sections 10.854(1)(e)2. and 10.855(11), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate whether or not Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. has met one or more of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes, and identification of the specific condition(s) met. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. did not meet any of the conditions described in Section 218.503(1), Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Sections 10.854(1)(e)6.a. and 10.855(12), Rules of the Auditor General, we applied financial condition assessment procedures for the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. It is management's responsibility to monitor the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc.'s financial condition, and our financial condition assessment was based in part on representations made by management and review of financial information provided by same.

Section 10.854(1)(e)3., Rules of the Auditor General, requires that we communicate any recommendations to improve financial management. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such recommendations.

Transparency

Sections 10.854(1)(e)7. and 10.855(13), Rules of the Auditor General, require us to apply appropriate procedures and communicate the results of our determination as to whether the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. maintains on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes. In connection with our audit, we determined that the Connections Education Center of the Palm Beaches, Inc. maintained on its Web site the information specified in Section 1002.33(9)(p), Florida Statutes.

Additional Matters

Section 10.854(1)(e)4., Rules of the Auditor General, requires us to communicate noncompliance with provisions of contracts or grant agreements, or abuse, that have occurred, or are likely to have occurred, that have an effect on the financial statements that is less than material but which warrants the attention of those charged with governance. In connection with our audit, we did not have any such findings.

Purpose of this Letter

Our management letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Auditing Committee, members of the Florida Senate and the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Auditor General, Federal and other granting agencies, the Board of Directors, applicable management and Palm Beach County School District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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