

# ***East Orange Community Charter School***

## **ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**PREPARED BY**

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

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January 31, 2025

The Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner:

We hereby submit the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the East Orange Community Charter School (the “Charter School” or “EOCCS”) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Charter School. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and are reported in a manner designed to fairly present the financial position and result of operations of the various funds of the Charter School. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the Charter School’s financial activities have been included.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires that management provide a narrative introduction overview and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. East Orange Community Charter School’s MD&A can be found immediately following the Independent Auditor’s Report.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is presented in four sections: introductory, financial, statistical and single audit. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter, the Charter School’s organizational chart and a list of principal officials. The financial section includes the independent auditor’s report, management’s discussion and analysis (MD&S) and the basic financial statements including the Charter School-wide financial statements presented in conformity with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34. The basic financial statements also include individual fund financial statements and required supplemental information (RSI). The statistical section includes selected financial and demographic information, generally presented on a multi-year basis.

The Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), and the New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, "*Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid*." Information related to this single audit, including the auditor's report on internal control and compliance with applicable *laws and regulations* and findings and recommendations are included in the single audit section of this report.

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**1) Reporting Entity and Its Services**

The East Orange Community Charter School (EOCCS) is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as established by National Council on Governmental Accounting (NCGA) Statement No. 3. All funds and account groups of the Charter School are included in this report.

The overarching mission of the EOCCS is to inspire and empower its students, families and staff with opportunities to successfully shape and transform their lives by becoming successful, lifelong learners who possess the critical-thinking, academic, advocacy, and leadership skills required to continuously open new doors in their lives and the lives of others.

EOCCS is open to all East Orange students on a space available basis and does not discriminate in its admission policies or practices on the basis of intellectual or athletic ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, status as a handicapped person, proficiency in the English language, or any other basis that would be illegal if used by a charter school.

By the end of 2023-2024 school year, the Charter School had a student enrollment of 425.

**2) Economic Outlook**

The East Orange Community Charter School is located in the City of East Orange, (the City), in the County of Essex within the State of New Jersey. The City has grown from a farmland region to a stable urban-suburban community since becoming an independent municipality in 1863. In 1909 East Orange was incorporated as a City. It measures approximately four-square miles and the District is the second largest school District in Essex County, based on enrollment.

2) **Economic Outlook** - *continued*

The City has maintained a strong commercial and industrial base, in part, because of its strategic location at the intersection of the Garden State Parkway and Interstate Route 280, which connects with the nearby New Jersey Turnpike. Also, the City is part of a varied transportation network with several railroad stops along the New Jersey Transit rail route and approximately 21 bus routes, and convenient access to Newark International Airport, Port Newark and Port Elizabeth, New York City, and the New Jersey Meadowlands Sports Complex.

Located within the City are six secondary schools (three high schools and four middle schools), 12 elementary schools, two early Childhood Centers for Preschool and Kindergarten and an Adult School, as well as an alternative high school now housed in the old Bishop Francis Essex Catholic Boys High School. In and around the City are several technical, secretarial, and health care schools, which annually produce qualified, specialized office workers and health aides. Essex County College, located near the City's eastern border is a co-educational two-year public college. Also, the East Orange General Hospital operates an established accredited nursing school. Additionally, Seton Hall University, Rutgers University, Montclair State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey are all located in communities adjacent to the City.

The East Orange Public Library system serves as a Federal book depository and area reference center for suburban Essex County. More than 350,000 volumes are available at the main library and in several neighborhood branches.

The City offers a labor force of over 38,000 white and blue-collar workers. The largest employers are the federal and local governments; Veterans Administration Medical Center; East Orange General Hospital and the Kessler Institute. However, the City continues to offer an ample supply of modern office space for new and expanding businesses.

The East Orange Chamber of Commerce along with the City Council and administration are exploring ways to revitalize and jumpstart the economic climate of the town. Additionally, tax incentives are offered to businesses to relocate to the East Orange area to increase employment levels that would result in an increased tax base. This revitalization process is expected to be ongoing – which suggests that that East Orange area will continue to prosper.



**3) Charter School Enrollment, Demographics and Other Highlights**

During the 2023-2024 School Year, East Orange Community Charter School (EOCCS) enrolled students from the following school districts: *City of East Orange School District (resident district), Belleville, Bloomfield, Orange Township, Irvington Township, City of Newark, West Orange, New Brunswick and Union.*

East Orange Community Charter School was established in order to meet the academic, educational and social development needs of the residents in the City of East Orange and subsequently approved to serve students in all Districts.

We accept our families on a first-come, first-served basis. We work diligently with the families in order to assist them in completing the application and medication information, as well as providing pertinent contact information. The Charter School has ensured compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:3 6A-7 and 18A:36A-8 through random selection, based upon the applicant's completion of the application process. We do not discriminate against any student or family. We openly recruit and provide the community with information via our web site, hold open houses at the school, etc. The Lottery process is not conducted because initially we do not have more applicants than slots available. However, we make every effort to inundate the community with enrollment information. Furthermore, although the City of East Orange is our resident district, in order to maintain our approved enrollment, EOCCS also accepts students from other districts.

To this end, EOCCS provides special needs services to students in accordance with their approved IEP's. Additionally, we provide Speech Therapy for students that have been identified as needing this service. And, to further help students meet and/or reach their academic grade levels, we responded by providing additional resources that include scientifically-researched Math Programs (i.e., AIMSweb,) and Reading/Writing programs after-school tutoring, other activities that help to enrich the students that attend EOCCS, i.e., Boys and Girl Scout troops and related activities.

Since its inception, East Orange Community Charter School has implemented many programs to meet the needs of all of our students, their families and the community-at-large. During the 2023-2024 school-year programs and special services that were conducted included: Family Math Nights, Reading Nights, Academic Support periods, Child Study Team and Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) for our at-risk students.

Each classroom has a Smart Board, 4 computers, several rolling laptops, etc. Our computer lab has enough computers for Technology instruction.

Additionally, student assemblies were sponsored for the Week of Respect and Anti-Bullying, as well as other classroom activities to thwart bullying.

Our Title I Resource Teachers also provide support programs that include the Title I Push-In services, math and literacy remedial and enrichment programs, which are all resources to provide more services that meet the needs of our students so that they can reach their maximum potential.

3) **Charter School Enrollment, Demographics and Other Highlights** *continued*

During the 2023-2024 school year over 80% of our students received free lunch and reduced-priced lunch. Our students are provided nutritious meals daily because students cannot learn successfully if they are hungry.

It is of primary importance, in our RTI framework, that we continue to refine the identification of at-risk students and use frequent progress monitoring of special needs and at-risk students and interventions to accelerate their rate of progress. In order to optimize the utilization of all data, we will continue our focus on enabling staff members to develop and increase their proficiencies in analyzing student data to identify strengths and weaknesses. We will increase our use of vertical and horizontal articulation meetings throughout the grade levels, in order to create teams of professionals responsible for examining the assessments and planning for increasing the performance outcomes of each child. Assessments will further be utilized to provide timely and relevant feedback to students and the students' ability to self-assess will be augmented, through increasing use of checklists and rubrics.

**4) Internal Accounting Controls**

Management of the Charter School is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control designed to ensure the assets of the Charter School are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that adequate accounting data are compiled to allow for the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The system of internal control is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that these objectives are met. The concept of reasonable assurance recognizes that: (1) the cost of a control should not exceed the benefits likely to be derived; and (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

As a recipient of federal awards and state financial assistance, the Charter School also is responsible for ensuring that adequate system of internal controls is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. This system of internal control is also subject to periodic evaluation by the Charter School's management.

As part of the Charter School's single audit described earlier, tests are made to determine the adequacy of the system of internal controls, including that portion related to federal awards and state financial assistance programs, as well as to determine that the Charter School has complied with applicable laws and regulations.

**5) Budgetary Controls**

In addition to internal accounting controls, the Charter School maintains budgetary controls. The objective of these budgetary controls is to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements of charter school budgets. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for general and special revenue funds. The final budget amount, as amended for the fiscal year is reflected in the financial section. An encumbrance accounting system is used to record outstanding purchase commitments on a line item basis. Open encumbrances at year end are either canceled or are included as re-appropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year.

During the 2023-2024 fiscal school, the Charter School continued its efforts to improve its audit status and operational processes and procedures, correcting deficiencies identified in previous audits and reviews and on maintaining general compliance with sound fiscal practices.

6) **Accounting System and Report**

The Charter School's accounting records reflect generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The accounting records also reflect New Jersey State Statute (N.J.S.A 18:4-14) that requires a uniform system of double-entry bookkeeping consistent with the GAAP established by GASB for us in all school districts and charter school. The accounting system is organized on the basis of funds in accordance with the Uniform Charter of Accounts (Handbook 2R2) for New Jersey Public Schools. These funds are explained in "Notes to the Financial Statements", Note 1.

7) **Financial Statement Information at Fiscal Year-End**

As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included in the financial section of this report, the Charter School continues to meet its responsibility for sound financial management. The following schedule presents a summary of the General Fund, and Special revenue funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 fiscal year:

<b>Summary of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Revenues</b>				
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Increase/ (decrease)</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Local sources	\$ 1,787,386	\$ 1,051,829	\$ 735,557	69.93%
State sources	7,636,541	7,910,792	(274,251)	-3.47%
Federal sources	2,156,093	1,190,181	965,912	81.16%
	<u>\$ 11,580,020</u>	<u>\$ 10,152,802</u>	<u>\$ 1,427,218</u>	<u>14.06%</u>

The Charter School experienced an insignificant increase in revenue of 14.06% attributable to significant COVID-19 funding.

7) **Financial Statement Information at Fiscal Year-End** *continued*

The following schedule presents a summary of general fund and special revenue expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

<b>Summary of the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund Expenditures</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Increase/ (decrease)</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Instruction	\$ 4,093,969	\$ 2,944,829	\$ 1,149,140	39.02%
Administrative	3,336,829	3,827,334	(490,505)	-12.82%
Support	3,414,351	2,290,996	1,123,355	49.03%
Capital outlay	-	99,037	(99,037)	-100.00%
	<u>\$ 10,845,149</u>	<u>\$ 9,162,196</u>	<u>\$ 1,682,953</u>	<u>18.37%</u>

The Charter School's expenditures increased by about 18.37% due to significant COVID-19 spending.

8) **Cash Management**

The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to the Financial Statements". The Charter School has adopted a cash management plan, which requires it to deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provision of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

9) **Risk Management**

The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability and comprehensive/collision, hazard and theft insurance on property and contents, fidelity bonds and worker's compensation.

10) **Other Information**

**Independent Audit**

State statute requires an annual audit by independent Certified Public Accountants or registered Municipal Accountants. The Charter School appointed the accounting firm of Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA.

In addition to meeting the requirements set forth in state statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and New Jersey OMB Circular Letter 15-08 “*Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid*”.

The auditor’s report on the basic financial statements is included in the financial section of this report. The auditor’s reports related specifically to the single audit are included in the single audit section of this report.

The 2023-2024 school-year was one of great strides in terms of academic achievement at the East Orange Community Charter School. In addition, it continues to enjoy a fairly reasonable financial position through careful stewardship of its resources. The next school year promises to be one that builds upon these successes with additional progress in all areas of the School’s operations, and particularly in the area of student achievement.

11) **Acknowledgments**

A note of appreciation is extended to the Finance Committee of the Charter School for their ongoing support and commitment to fiscal integrity and to the East Orange Community Charter School Board of Trustees for their selfless dedication to improving student achievement.

A special note of appreciation is extended to the Business Office and to all of the business operations staff members for their untiring efforts to improve processes, procedures and audit outcomes. Their contributions in support of the students and staff of the East Orange Community Charter School are truly noteworthy. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our financial, accounting and administrative staff.

Respectfully submitted,

*Joel Julien*

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Joel Julien, CPA  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

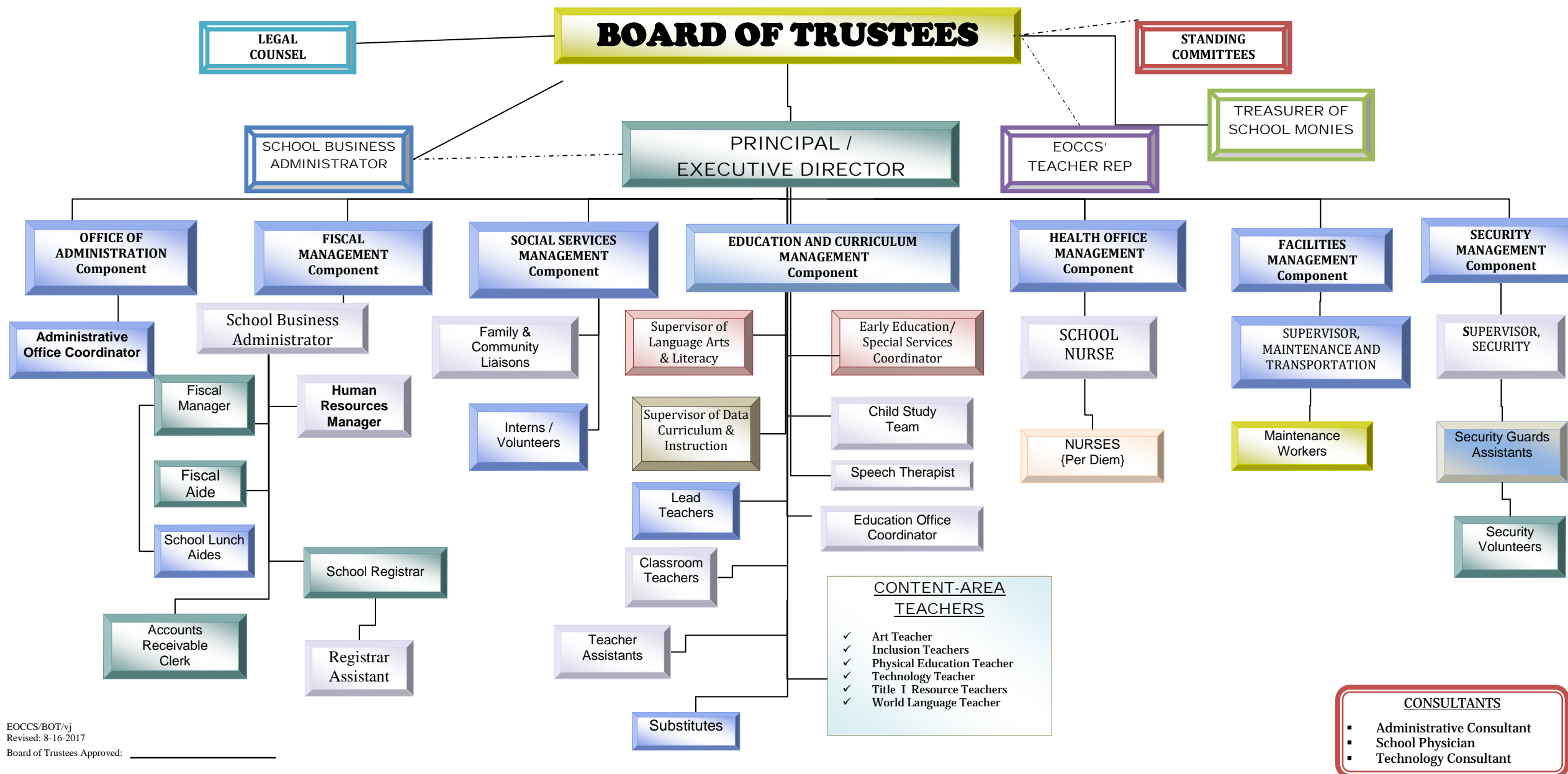


# East Orange Community Charter School

99 Washington Street ----- East Orange, New Jersey 07017

## CHART OF ORGANIZATION

2023---2024 School Year



**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**Roster of Trustees and Officers**

**June 30, 2024**

**Members of Board of Trustees**

Nancy Bartolo, Board Chair

Hadren W. Simmons, Vice Chairman

Virginia Fisher, Member

Brenda Thurmond, Member

Nakeeyah Lambert, Member

**Administration**

Tracey Watkins, Principal

Joel Julien, CPA, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Raymond L. Scott, Treasurer of School Monies

Rosa Vetterlein, Teacher Representative



## **EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
East Orange Community Charter School  
East Orange, New Jersey  
County of Essex

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Orange Community Charter School, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey (the "Charter School") as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Charter School as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the audit requirements prescribed by the *Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*. 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 Charter School 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 for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, 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 Charter School'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 opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS), *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, 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, *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Charter School, Inc.'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 Charter School, Inc.'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.

## **Other Matters**

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, pension information and other postemployment benefits information 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.

### ***Supplementary and Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance) and schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance as required by New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Charter School. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section, financial schedules and statistical section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 31, 2025 on our consideration of the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA***

January 31, 2025  
Newark, New Jersey

OLUGBENGA OLABINTAN  
Certified Public Accountant/Consultant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olugbenga Olabintan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA  
Licensed Public School Accountant  
No. 20CS00230200

## **Required Supplementary Information**

### **Part I**

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) provides an analysis of the Charter School's overall financial position and results of operations.

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## **Introduction**

This section of the East Orange Community Charter School's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Charter School's financial performance and provides an overview of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. It should be read in conjunction with the transmittal letter at the front of this report and the Charter School's financial statements, which follow this section.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standard Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statement – and Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Governments*. Certain comparative information between the current fiscal year and the prior fiscal year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

## **Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2024 are as follows:

- Net position of governmental activities ended the fiscal year with \$3,014,777. Net position of business-type activities, which represent food service operations ended the fiscal year with \$638,038.
- General revenues accounted for \$9,389,604 in revenue or 77 percent of total revenues of \$12,220,471. Program specific revenues, in the form of charges for services, grants, and contributions accounted for \$2,830,867 or 23 percent of total revenues.
- The Charter School had \$10,707,890 in expenses related to governmental activities; \$2,190,416 of these expenses is offset by operating grants and contributions. General revenues (primarily State aid) of \$9,389,604 helped to provide for the balance of these programs.
- The General Fund reported fund surplus at the year ended June 30, 2024 of \$5,401,918 including a \$1,000,000 designated by a resolution of the Board of the Charter School for future Capital expenditures. The Board resolution was passed during the previous year ended June 30, 2019.



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**Using the Basic Financial Statements**

This annual report consists of a series of basic financial statements, required supplementary information, other supplementary information and notes to those statements and information.

The report is organized so the reader can understand the East Orange Community Charter School as a financial whole, or as an entire operating entity. The first two basic financial Statements, the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, are governmental-wide financial statements and provide overall information about the activities of the entire Charter School, presenting both an aggregate view of the Charter School's finances and a long-term view of those finances. The remaining basic financial statements are fund financial statements that focus on the individual parts of the government, reporting the Charter School's operation in more detail than the government-wide statements. The fund financial statements also look at the Charter School's most significant funds with all other non-major funds presented in total in a single column. For the East Orange Community Charter School, the General Fund is the most significant fund.

The governmental funds statements tell how general government services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

Proprietary fund statements offer short and long-term financial information about the activities, the government operates like a business, such as food service.

Fiduciary fund statements provide information about financial relationship in which the Charter School acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefits of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of Required Supplementary Information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

**Reporting the Charter School as a Whole**

**Statement of Net Position and Statements of Activities**

While this report contains the fund used by the Charter School to provide programs and activities, the view of the Charter School as a whole looks at all financial transactions and asks the question, "how did we do financially during fiscal year 2024?" The statements of Net Position and the Statement of Activities answer this question. These Statements include all the Charter School's assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting system used by most private sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash was received or paid.

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**Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities-continued**

These two statements report the Charter School's net position and changes in those assets. This change in net position is important because it identifies whether the financial position of the Charter School has improved or diminished for the Charter School as a whole. The cause of this change may be the result of many factors some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the property tax base of the School District where the Charter School is located, current educational funding laws in New Jersey, facilities conditions, required educational programs, and other factors. In the Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Activities, the Charter School is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

**Governmental Activities** – Most of the Charter School's programs and services are reported here including instructions, extracurricular activities, curriculum, staff development, special education and other support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, health services and general administration.

**Business-Type Activity** – Services are provided on a charge for goods or services or reimbursement basis to recover the expenses of the goods or services provided. The food service operations/after care programs enterprise fund is reported as a business activity.

**Reporting the Charter School's Most Significant Funds**

**Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the Charter School's major funds-not the Charter School as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Charter School uses to keep track of a multitude of financial transactions. The Charter School's only major governmental fund is the General Fund.

**Governmental Funds**

Most of the Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how monies flow into and out of those funds and the balances left at fiscal year-end for spending in future periods. 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 statement provides a detailed short-term view of the Charter School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship, or differences, between governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities and the governmental funds are reconciled in the financial statements.

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**Enterprise Fund**

The enterprise fund uses the same basis of accounting as business-type activities; therefore, these statements are essentially the same.

**The Charter School as a Whole**

The perspective of the Statement of Net Position is of the Charter School as a whole. Net position may serve over time as useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Charter School, assets exceeded liabilities by \$3,652,815 at the close of 2024. The following table provides a summary of net position relating to the Charter School's governmental and business type activities:

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Assets and deferred outflows of resources</b>						
Current assets	\$ 6,704,699	\$ 6,120,661	\$ 808,702	\$ 511,930	\$ 7,513,401	\$ 6,632,591
Capital assets, net	467,286	542,989	-	-	467,286	542,989
Right-of-use assets, net	135,305	311,336			135,305	311,336
Deferred outflows of resources	430,413	669,032	-	-	430,413	669,032
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	7,737,703	7,644,018	808,702	511,930	8,546,405	8,155,948
<b>Liabilities and deferred outflows of resources:</b>						
Current liabilities	1,302,781	1,453,614	170,664	131,916	1,473,445	1,585,530
Long term liabilities	2,786,448	2,816,654	-	-	2,786,448	2,816,654
Lease liabilities	148,519	336,695			148,519	336,695
Deferred outflows of resources	485,178	894,408	-	-	485,178	894,408
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	4,722,926	5,501,371	170,664	131,916	4,893,590	5,633,287
<b>Net position</b>						
Invested in						
Capital assets						
(net of related debt)	467,286	542,989	-	-	467,286	542,989
Right-of-use assets						
(net of related debt)	(13,214)	(25,359)			(13,214)	(25,359)
Unrestricted, designated	1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000
Unrestricted, undesignated	1,560,705	625,017	638,038	380,014	2,198,743	1,005,031
Total net position	\$ 3,014,777	\$ 2,142,647	\$ 638,038	\$ 380,014	\$ 3,652,815	\$ 2,522,661

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The largest portion of the Charter School's net position is its current assets. The Charter School uses these current assets to provide services.

The total net position of the Charter School increased by \$1,130,154 during the current fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The majority of the increase is attributable to a surplus of \$1,508,625 in the Governmental Activities.

The table that follows reflects the change in net position for fiscal year 2024.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>		<b>Business Type Activities</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charge for services			\$371,710	\$177,107	\$371,710	\$177,107
Operating grants and contributions	\$2,190,416	\$1,254,114	268,741	286,241	2,459,157	1,540,355
Total program revenues	2,190,416	1,254,114	640,451	463,348	2,830,867	1,717,462
General revenues:						
Local aid	1,045,198	1,042,853	-	-	1,045,198	1,042,853
Federal and state aid	7,602,218	7,846,859	-	-	7,602,218	7,846,859
Miscellaneous	742,188	8,976	-	-	742,188	8,976
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total general revenues	9,389,604	8,898,688	-	-	9,389,604	8,898,688
Total revenues	11,580,020	10,152,802	640,451	463,348	12,220,471	10,616,150
Expenses:						
Instructions	4,093,969	2,944,829	-	-	4,093,969	2,944,829
Administrative & support services	6,362,187	5,147,333	-	-	6,362,187	5,147,333
Unallocated depreciation	75,703	75,703	-	-	75,703	75,703
Unallocated amortization	176,031	476,312	-	-	176,031	476,312
Food service			300,857	322,084	300,857	322,084
Aftercare/summer program	-	-	81,570	124,723	81,570	124,723
Total expenses	10,707,890	8,644,177	382,427	446,807	11,090,317	9,090,984
Change in net position	\$ 872,130	\$ 1,508,625	\$ 258,024	\$ 16,541	\$ 1,130,154	\$ 1,525,166

### Governmental Activities

The Statement of Activities reflects the cost of program services and the charges for services and operating grants and contributions offsetting those services. The table below, for government activities, indicates the total cost of services and the net cost of services. It identifies the cost of these services supported by unrestricted state entitlements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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**Governmental Activities - *continued***

	<b>Total Cost of Services</b>	<b>Net Cost of Services</b>
Instruction	\$ 4,093,969	\$ 2,855,178
Administrative & support services	6,362,187	5,410,562
Unallocated depreciation and amortization	251,734	251,734
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 10,707,890</u>	<u>\$ 8,517,474</u>

**Business-Type Activity**

The business-type activity of the Charter School consists of the food service operation and the after-school/summer programs. These programs had revenues of \$640,451 (including board contributions of \$-0-) and operating expenses of \$382,427 for fiscal year 2024. The Charter School intended to have food services be self-operating without assistance from the General Fund.

**The Charter School's Funds**

The Charter School's governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. All governmental funds had revenues of \$11,580,020 and expenditures of \$10,845,149. The positive change in fund balance for the year was \$734,871.

The Charter School's budget is prepared according to New Jersey law and is based on accounting for certain transactions on a basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the general fund.

During the course of fiscal 2024, the Charter School amended its General Fund budget as needed. The Charter School uses state-aid and other revenue-based budget. The budgeting systems are designed to tightly control total budget, but provide flexibility for Charter School's management teams.

For the General Fund, final budgeted revenues were \$8,023,353, which included a local tax levy of \$1,045,198. Expenditures and other financing uses were budgeted at \$7,813,737. The Charter School anticipated budgeted fund balance of \$4,876,663 in its 2023-2024 budget year.

The State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$133,474 during the year ended June 30, 2024 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members. The State also paid \$840,996 into the TPAF pension - representing on-behalf employer's portion of the Pension System Contributions, Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and Long-Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions. The unbudgeted amounts were included in both revenues and expenditures.

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**Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the Charter School had \$467,286 invested in capital assets in its governmental activities. The Charter School's 2024-2025 budget does not anticipate any spending on capital projects. However, by a previous Board Resolution, \$1,000,000 of the June 30, 2024 fund balance was designated for future capital expenditures.

**Long-term debt**

At June 30, 2024, the Charter School had \$-0- in long-term debt. The mortgage was fully liquidated during the previous fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The Charter School had \$2,786,448 and \$2,816,654 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, in net pension liability regarding the Public Employees Retirement System. More detailed information about the Charter School's long term obligations is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**COVID-19 and Paycheck Protection Program Loan**

In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in Wuhan, China and has since spread to other countries, including the U.S. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. In addition, as of March 21, 2020, New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy ordered the closure of the physical location of every "non-life sustaining" and "non-essential" business for what may be an extended period of time. The Charter School had to close its physical locations. Future potential impacts may include continued disruptions or restrictions on its employees' ability to work and impairment of its ability to obtain grants and contributions. Though the impact on the Charter School's operations cannot be reasonably estimated at this date, it is likely that there will be an impact on certain revenue in the General Fund and other state aid and the local tax levy. Nonetheless, the degree of any future impact to the Charter School's operations and finances is difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and any additional actions that may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

To date, the overall finances and operations of the Charter School have not been materially adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget**

The State of New Jersey and indeed the entire United States continue to face serious budgetary constraints and a result of the sharp downturn in the economy. These impact the amount of state and federal aids allocated to charter schools. This reality was taken into account when adopting the general fund budget for 2024-2025. Nothing was done to compromise the quality of the programs in place in our Charter School during the regular instructional day. The budget was prepared to ensure that all students have the textbooks, materials, supplies, equipment and programs they need to meet New Jersey's Core Curriculum Content Standards. The budget was adopted with a redirection of funds to maintain the quality of the regular school day.

**Contacting the Charter School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Charter School's finances and to reflect the Charter School's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions about this report or additional financial information needs should be directed to:

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Business Office, 99 Washington Street**  
**East Orange, New Jersey 07017**  
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## **Basic Financial Statements**



## **Government-wide Financial Statements**

**The government-wide financial statements provide a financial overview of the Charter School's operations. These financial statements present the financial position and operating results of all governmental activities and business-type activities as of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024.**

## EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,241,849	\$ 157,953	\$ 5,399,802
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	75,000	-	75,000
Accounts receivable	1,387,850	24,473	1,412,323
Other current assets	-	-	-
Interfund receivables	-	626,276	626,276
Capital assets (net of accum deprec of \$1,359,018)	467,286	-	467,286
Right-of-use lease asset, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,246,256)	135,305	-	135,305
Total assets	<u>7,307,290</u>	<u>808,702</u>	<u>8,115,992</u>
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>			
Pension deferred outflows	<u>430,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,413</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 7,737,703</u>	<u>\$ 808,702</u>	<u>\$ 8,546,405</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 564,495	\$ 1,203	\$ 565,698
Intergovernmental payables - state	31,820	-	31,820
Interfunds payables	456,815	169,461	626,276
Deferred revenue	139,681	-	139,681
Other liabilities	-	-	-
Payroll deductions and withholdings	109,970	-	109,970
Current portion of long term obligations	-	-	-
Noncurrent portion of long term obligations	-	-	-
Net pension liability	2,786,448	-	2,786,448
Lease liabilities	148,519	-	148,519
Total liabilities	<u>4,237,748</u>	<u>170,664</u>	<u>4,408,412</u>
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>			
Pension deferred inflows	<u>485,178</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>485,178</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>4,722,926</u>	<u>170,664</u>	<u>4,893,590</u>
<b>Net position</b>			
Invested in capital assets	467,286	-	467,286
Invested in right-of-use assets	(13,214)	-	(13,214)
Unrestricted, designated for future capital expenditures	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Unrestricted, undesignated	<u>1,560,705</u>	<u>638,038</u>	<u>2,198,743</u>
Total net position	<u>3,014,777</u>	<u>638,038</u>	<u>3,652,815</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources & net position	<u>\$ 7,737,703</u>	<u>\$ 808,702</u>	<u>\$ 8,546,405</u>

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Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		Total
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
<b>Governmental activities:</b>						
<b>Instruction:</b>						
Regular	\$ 4,093,969	\$ -	\$ 1,238,791	\$ (2,855,178)	\$ -	\$ (2,855,178)
<b>Administrative &amp; Support services:</b>						
General administration	1,973,366	-	-	(1,973,366)	-	(1,973,366)
Support services	4,388,821	-	951,625	(3,437,196)	-	(3,437,196)
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated depreciation	75,703	-	-	(75,703)	-	(75,703)
Unallocated amortization	176,031	-	-	(176,031)	-	(176,031)
Total governmental activities	<u>10,707,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,190,416</u>	<u>(8,517,474)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,517,474)</u>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>						
Food service	300,857	-	268,741	-	(32,116)	(32,116)
After care/summer programs	81,570	371,710	-	-	290,140	290,140
Total business-type activities	<u>382,427</u>	<u>371,710</u>	<u>268,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,024</u>	<u>258,024</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 11,090,317</u>	<u>\$ 371,710</u>	<u>\$ 2,459,157</u>	<u>(8,517,474)</u>	<u>258,024</u>	<u>(8,259,450)</u>
<b>General revenues and transfers:</b>						
Local sources				1,045,198	-	1,045,198
Federal and state sources				7,602,218	-	7,602,218
Miscellaneous				742,188	-	742,188
Transfers				-	-	-
Total general revenues and transfers				<u>9,389,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,389,604</u>
Change in net position				872,130	258,024	1,130,154
Net position - beginning				2,142,647	380,014	2,522,661
Net position - ending				<u>\$ 3,014,777</u>	<u>\$ 638,038</u>	<u>\$ 3,652,815</u>

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## **Funds Financial Statements**

## **Governmental Funds**

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**Governmental Funds**

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**Balance Sheet**

**June 30, 2024**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Totals Governmental Funds</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,229,312	\$ 12,537	\$ 5,241,849
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	75,000	-	75,000
Accounts receivable:	-	-	-
State	10,948	-	10,948
Federal	-	977,214	977,214
Other	399,688	-	399,688
Other current assets	-	-	-
Interfund receivable	366,160	-	366,160
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,081,108</u>	<u>\$ 989,751</u>	<u>\$ 7,070,859</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
Interfund accounts payables	\$ 399,987	\$ 422,988	\$ 822,975
Accounts payable	137,413	427,082	564,495
Intergovernmental payables - federal	-	-	-
Intergovernmental payables - state	31,820	-	31,820
Other liabilities	-	-	-
Payroll deductions and withholdings	109,970	-	109,970
Deferred revenue	-	139,681	139,681
Total liabilities	<u>679,190</u>	<u>989,751</u>	<u>1,668,941</u>
Fund balances:			
Unreserved:			
Designated for future capital expenditures	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Undesignated	4,401,918	-	4,401,918
Total fund balances	<u>5,401,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,401,918</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 6,081,108</u>	<u>\$ 989,751</u>	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Cost of capital assets	\$ 1,826,304	
Accumulated depreciation	(1,359,018)	
	<u>\$ 467,286</u>	467,286

Long-term liabilities, including capital leases and compensated absences are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

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Deferred Outflows related to pension contributions subsequent to the Net Pension Liability measurement date and other deferred items are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund statements. (See Note 7)

430,413

Deferred Inflows related to pension actuarial gains from experience and differences in actual return and assumed returns and other deferred items are not reported as liabilities in the fund statements. (See Note 7)

(485,178)

Long-term liabilities, including net pension liability, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds (see Note 7)

(2,786,448)

Right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds (see Note 4):

Cost of right-of-use assets	\$ 2,381,561	
Accumulated amortization	(2,246,256)	
Cost of right-of-use assets, net of accumulated amortization	<u>\$ 135,305</u>	135,305

Lease liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds (see Note 5).

(148,519)

Net position of governmental activities - A-1

\$ 3,014,777

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**Governmental Funds**

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Year ended June 30, 2024**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Local sources:			
Local tax levy	\$ 1,045,198	\$ -	\$ 1,045,198
Miscellaneous	742,188	-	742,188
Total revenues - local sources	<u>1,787,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,787,386</u>
Federal sources	-	2,156,093	2,156,093
State sources	6,627,748	34,323	6,662,071
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	133,474	-	133,474
TPAF pension and post retirement medical and long-term disability premium benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	<u>-</u> 840,996	<u>-</u> -	<u>-</u> 840,996
Total revenues	<u>9,389,604</u>	<u>2,190,416</u>	<u>11,580,020</u>
 Current expense:			
Instruction	2,855,178	1,238,791	4,093,969
Administrative	2,362,359	-	2,362,359
Support services	2,462,726	951,625	3,414,351
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Reimbursed and on-behalf payments:			
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	133,474	-	133,474
TPAF pension and post retirement medical and long-term disability premium benefits on-behalf payments (non-budgeted)	<u>840,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>840,996</u>
Total expenditures	<u>8,654,733</u>	<u>2,190,416</u>	<u>10,845,149</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures, before other financing sources	734,871	-	734,871
Other financing sources:			
Transfer to cover food deficit	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures, after other financing sources	734,871	-	734,871
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>4,667,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,667,047</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 5,401,918</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,401,918</u>

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**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**And Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
**Year ended June 30, 2024**

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**Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (B-2)** **\$ 734,871**

**Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:** **-**

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expenses in the period. Additionally, in the Statement of Activities gains or (losses) are recognized upon disposition.

Depreciation expense	\$	(75,703)	
Capital outlays		-	
		(75,703)	(75,703)

Adoption of GASB 87 resulted in an increase in right-to-use lease assets offset by the current year amortization of the right-to-use assets, allocated over the term of the leases

Amortization expense	(176,031)
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Adoption of GASB 87 resulted in an increase in lease liabilities offset by the current year principal payments on lease liabilities. Principal payments on lease liabilities decrease liabilities in the statement of net position, but are included in the governmental funds as expenses

Principal payments	(188,176)
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Pension contributions are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the contributions are adjusted for actuarial valuation adjustments, including service and interest costs, administrative costs, investment returns, and experience/assumption. This is the amount by which net pension liability and deferred inflows/outflows related to pension changed during the period.

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<b>Change in net position of governmental activities (A-2)</b>	<b>\$ 872,130</b>
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## **Proprietary Funds**

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**Proprietary Funds**

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**Statement of Net Position**

**June 30, 2024**

Assets

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 157,953
Accounts receivable:	-
Federal	19,406
State	870
Other	4,197
Interfund receivable	626,276
Total current assets	<u>\$ 808,702</u>

Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Interfund payable	\$ 169,461
Accounts payable	1,203
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 170,664</u>

Net position

Unrestricted	638,038
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 638,038</u></u>

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**Proprietary Funds**

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**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

Operating revenues:	
Charges for services:	
Daily sales - reimbursable programs	\$ -
Daily sales - nonreimbursable programs	-
Summer/after care programs revenue	370,311
Miscellaneous revenue	1,399
Total Operating revenues	<u>371,710</u>
Operating expenses:	
Cost of sales, reimbursable programs	-
Cost of sales, nonreimbursable programs	293,614
Salaries	19,070
Employee benefits	-
Professional /technical service	39,060
Supplies and materials	7,966
Depreciation	-
Miscellaneous	22,717
Total operating expenses	<u>382,427</u>
Operating income/(loss)	<u>(10,717)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:	
State sources:	
State school lunch program	5,862
State school lunch program - NJEIE	1,140
State school breakfast program	1,450
State school breakfast program - after bell	1,585
State school breakfast program - NJEIE	604
Federal sources:	-
National school lunch program	160,557
National school breakfast program	77,904
Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act	3,968
School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program	15,671
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>268,741</u>
Net income/(loss) before contributions & transfers	258,024
Other financing sources:	
Transfer	-
	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	258,024
Total net position-beginning of year	<u>380,014</u>
Total net position-end of year	<u>\$ 638,038</u>

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**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Proprietary Fund**

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**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

**Cash flows from operating activities**

Operating loss	\$ (10,717)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	36,133
Other current assets	(290,140)
Due to general fund	51,185
Accounts payable	(12,437)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(225,976)</u>

**Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:**

Cash received from state reimbursements	10,641
Cash received from federal reimbursements	258,100
Operating subsidies and transfers	-
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>268,741</u>

**Cash flows from investing activities**

Net change in cash and cash equivalents	42,765
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	115,188
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 157,953</u>

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**Fiduciary Funds  
Not Applicable**

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## **Notes to Basic Financial Statements**

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**1 Description of the Charter School and Reporting Entity**

East Orange Community Charter School (the “Charter School” was incorporated in the State of New Jersey in January 1998 as a non-for-profit corporation for the purpose of operating and maintaining a public school under a charter granted by the State of New Jersey, which promotes comprehensive educational reform by infusing innovation into the public education system. It is an instrumentality of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an education institution. The Charter School’s Board of Trustees (the Board) is responsible for the fiscal control of the Charter School. A Principal/Chief School Administrator is appointed by Board and is responsible for the administrative control of the Charter School. Under the existing the statutes, the Charter School’s duties and powers include, but not limited to the development and adoption of a school program; the establishment, organization and operation of schools; and the acquisition, maintenance and disposition of school property.

A reporting entity is comprised of the primary government, component units and other organizations that are included to ensure that the financial statements of the Charter School are not misleading. The primary government consists of all funds, departments, boards and agencies that are not legally separate from the Charter School. For the Charter School, this includes general operations, food service and student related activities of the Charter School.

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School’s reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, and ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The combined financial statements include all funds of the Charter School over which the Board exercises operating control. Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Charter School has no component units to be included in the reporting entity. Further, the Charter School is not includable in any other reporting entity on the basis of such criteria.

The East Orange Community Charter School Board of Trustees also has broad financial responsibilities, including the approval of the annual budget and the establishment of a system of accounting and budgetary controls.

Its mission is to establish a character school to serve as a neighborhood resource and as a model for other similar schools. The East Orange Community Charter School is committed to achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and producing high academic achievement by all students. The Charter School will integrate a holistic curriculum, utilize learner center techniques, family and care giver centered approaches, comprehensive community involvement, cutting edge technology and an intimate nurturing environment that will enhance positive self-images.



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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

This summary of significant accounting policies of East Orange Community Charter School is presented to assist in understanding the Charter School's financial statements and notes are a representation of the Charter School's management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as applied to governmental units and have been consistently applied in the preparation of these financial statements.

The financial statements of the East Orange Community Charter School (the "Charter School") have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The Charter School also applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, to its governmental and business-type activities and to its enterprise fund unless they conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The most significant of the Charter School's accounting policies are described below:

**A Basis of Presentation**

The Charter School's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements that provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**Charter School Government-wide Financial Statements**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the Charter School, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School at year-end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Charter School's governmental and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and are therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Charter School, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Charter School.

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**2      Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

The governmental activities generally are financed through federal and state awards, taxes and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

**Fund Financial Statements**

Fund financial statements of the Charter School are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditure/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Charter School. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) requires that all funds be reported as major, as it is considered important for public interest and to promote consistency among Charter Schools financial reporting in the State of New Jersey.

**B      Fund Accounting**

The Charter School segregates transactions related to certain Charter School functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Charter School at a more detailed level.

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. The following are the Charter Schools' major governmental funds:

***General Fund*** - The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Charter School. It is used to account for all financial resources except those that are legally or administratively required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or non-instructional equipment which are classified in the Capital Outlay sub-fund.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued**

As required by the New Jersey Department of Education, the Charter School included budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Generally accepted accounting principles as they pertain to governmental entities state that General Fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey aid and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those that result in the acquisition of or additions to fixed assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of ground, construction of buildings, additions to or remodeling of buildings and the purchase of built-in equipment. These resources can be transferred from and to current expense by board resolution.

***Special Revenue Fund*** - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue from State and Federal Government, (other than major Capital Projects, Debt Service or the Enterprise Funds) and local appropriations that legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

***Capital Projects Fund*** - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for all financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds). The financial resources are derived from temporary notes or serial bonds that are specifically authorized by the voters as a separate question on the ballot either during the annual election or at a special election. As of June 30, 2024 there was no Capital Projects Fund.

**Proprietary Funds**

The focus of Proprietary Funds' measurement is upon determination of net income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to business in the private sector. The following is a description of the Proprietary Funds of the Charter School:

***Enterprise Funds*** - The Enterprise Fund is utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the Charter School is that the cost (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods and services to the students on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or where the Charter School has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriated for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or “capital maintenance” measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities, whether current or non-current, associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and unreserved retained earnings, if applicable. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increases (revenue) and decreases (expenses) in net total assets.

**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary or trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Charter School in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or other funds. This fund category includes:

***Trust Funds*** - Expendable Trust Funds (unemployment compensation) are accounted for in essentially the same manner as the governmental funds. The unemployment compensation trust fund is used to account for contributions from employees and the employer (the Charter School) and interest earned on the balance as well as payments to the State for reimbursements of unemployment claims. ***Agency Funds*** – Agency funds (*Payroll, Health Benefits and Student Activity Fund*) are used to account for the assets that the Charter School holds on behalf of others as their agent. Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involved measurement of results of operations.

***GASB Statement No 84 Fiduciary Activities*** – As of June 30, 2024, there was no Fiduciary Fund due to the adoption of GASB Statement 84, Fiduciary Activities.

**C Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

***Measurement focus*** is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. ***Basis of accounting*** refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

**Measurement Focus**

On the government-wide statements of net position and the statement of activities, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds and expendable trust funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statement of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources), and decreases (i.e. Expenditures and other finances uses) during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, the accounting adjectives are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flow. All assets and all liabilities, whether current or non-current, associated with their activities are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is classified as net position.

**Basis of Accounting**

In the government wide statement of net position and statements of activities, both governmental and business like activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the liability, resulting from exchange and exchange like transactions, is incurred (i. e the exchange takes place).

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund and agency funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available. “Measurable” means the amount of the transaction can be determine and “available” means collectible with the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. State equalization monies are recognized as revenue during the period in which they are appropriated. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental funds revenues.

**D Budgets/Budgetary Control**

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general and special revenue fund. The budgets are submitted to the County Office and the Education Commissioner for approval. Budgets except for the special revenue fund which is prepared using a non-GAAP budgetary basis, are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.2(m)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by Charter School Board resolution at any time during the fiscal year subject to the limitation of P.L. 2004 c73 (S1701). The Board of Trustees did not make any material supplemental budgetary appropriations during the fiscal year.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds, there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception of the Special Revenue Fund as noted below.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental funds types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the grant accounting budgetary basis. The grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the grant accounting budgetary basis recognized encumbrances as expenditures and also recognized the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow of the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

**E Cash, Cash Equivalent and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investment with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchases and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. US Treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchases are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey Charter Schools are limited as to the types of the investments and types of financial institution they may invest in. New Jersey statute 18A:20-37 provides a list of permissible investment that may be purchased by New Jersey Charter Schools.

Additionally, the Charter School has adopted a cash management plan that requires it to deposit public fund in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (“GUDPA”). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Governmental Units from loss funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et. seq. established the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Act. Public depositories include Savings and Loan Institutions, bank (both state and national banks) and saving bank the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposit of Governmental Units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the full amount of their deposits to the Governmental Units.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

**F Short-Term Interfund Receivables/Payables**

On the fund financial statement, receivable and payables resulting from short-term (due within one year) interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables/payables. Interfund balances within governmental activities and within business-type activities are eliminated on the Government Wide Statements of Net Position.

**G Inventories and Prepaid Expenses**

Inventories and prepaid expenses, which benefit future periods, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund are recorded as expenditure during the year of purchase. Inventories in the proprietary funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in-first-out (FIFO) method.

**H Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture & fixtures and vehicles are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns of the Government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Charter School as assets with initial, individual cost of more than \$2,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or through estimation procedures performed by an independent appraisal company.

The cost of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets lives are not capitalized. Donated capital assets are capitalized at estimated fair market value on the date donated. Depreciation of capital assets is computed and recorded by the straight-line method.

<b><u>Description of Capital Assets</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated Lives (Years)</u></b>
Building improvements	30
Leasehold improvements	15
Equipment	5
Furniture and fixtures	5
Vehicles	5

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

**I Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences are those absences for which employees will be paid, such as vacation, sick leave, and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that are attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on specific event that is outside the control of the Charter School and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on specific event that is outside the control of the Charter School and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

For governmental fund financial statements, the current portion of unpaid compensated absences is in the amount expected to be paid using expendable available resources. These amounts are recorded in the account “compensated absences payable” in the fund from which the employees who have accumulated unpaid leave are paid. The noncurrent portion of the liability is not reported.

The entire sick leave and vacation leave liabilities are reported on the school-wide financial statements.

The Charter School had no compensated absences as of June 30, 2024.

**J Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the government-wide financial statements.

In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources are reported as obligations of the funds. However, the non-current portion of compensated absences and mortgage payable (if any) that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as liabilities on the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable, available financial resources.

**K Deferred Revenue**

Deferred revenue in special revenue fund represent cash that has been received but not yet earned.



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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued**

**L Fund Balance and Equity**

In February 2009, the GASB issued GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions ("GASB 54"). GASB 54 is effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2010 and establishes fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. Under GASB 54, fund balances in the governmental funds financial statements are reported under the modified accrual basis of accounting and classified into the following five categories, as defined below:

1. Non-spendable – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Assets included in this fund balance category include prepaid assets, inventories, long-term receivables, and corpus of any permanent funds.
2. Restricted – includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.
3. Committed – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority.
4. Assigned – amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
5. Unassigned – includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Charter School's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. For the unrestricted fund balance, the Charter School first spends committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally, unassigned funds.

*The Charter School has been operating in four (4) remote locations since it has reached the fourth grade and has been exploring the feasibility of consolidating all school operations in a single building ever since. Funds have been expended in this pursuit, and it has been estimated through investigation that the cost of developing a building facility that could house all operations would require an equity investment of at least \$1,000,000.00. Accordingly, with the previous year's 2018-2019 audited financial statements showing a Fund Balance of \$1,893,206 the Board of Trustees has designated (by a Board Resolution on December 3, 2019) \$1,000,000 of the Fund Balance for future capital projects and the remaining balance will be used to balance the budget whenever the student enrollment count is low.*

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued**

**L Fund Balance and Equity - continued**

*Also, several years ago, the Charter School funded a restricted cash escrow account in the amount of \$75,000 as required by an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Education.*

**M Net Position**

Net Position represent the difference between assets and liabilities in the Government-wide financial statements. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any long-term debt used to build or acquire the capital assets. Net position are reported as restricted in the Government-wide financial statements when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments.

**N Management Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates that affect the recorded amount 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 expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**O On-Behalf Payments**

Revenues and expenditures of the General Fund include payment made by the state of New Jersey for Pension and social security contributions for certified teacher members of the New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. The amounts are not required to be included in the Charter School's annual budget.

**P GASB Pronouncements**

**Adoption of New Accounting Standard**

During the previous fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the Charter School adopted **GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities (GASB 84)***. GASB 84 enhances the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. Specifically, GASB 84 establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

**P GASB Pronouncements - *continued***

**Adoption of New Accounting Standard - *continued***

As part of the adoption, the Charter School no longer considers activities in the Unemployment Fund Account, Payroll Agency Fund and Student Activities as fiduciary activities applicable under GASB 84. As a result, the Charter School no longer presents a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position, and records payroll deductions and withholding payable, unemployment activities in the General Fund in the Governmental Fund financial statements.

During the previous fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Charter School adopted **the GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases***. This Statement establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting for leases by lessees and lessors.

**Q Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Charter School follows the accounting and disclosure standards pertaining to GASB 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application, for qualifying assets and liabilities. Fair value is defined as the price that the Charter School would receive upon selling an asset or pay to settle a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The Charter School uses a framework for measuring fair value that included a hierarchy that categorizes and prioritizes the sources used to measure and disclose fair value. This hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on inputs that market participants would use in valuing the financial instruments based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Charter School. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the financial instruments, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that are developed using market data, such as publicly available information about actual events or transactions, and which reflect the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available and that is developed using the best information available about the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability.

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**2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - *continued***

**Q Fair Value of Financial Instruments - *continued***

The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels as follows:

Level 1 – inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets at the measurement date.

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.

Level 3 – inputs that are unobservable and which require significant judgement or estimation.

An asset or liability level within the framework is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

**3 Deposits and Investments**

New Jersey statutes require that Charter Schools deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by any other agency of the United States that insures deposits made in public depositories. Charter schools are also permitted to deposit public funds in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund (NJCMF), the New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund (NJARM) and the M.B.I.A Class.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows: The market value of the collateral must equal at least 5% of the average daily balance of collected funds on deposit.

In addition to the above collateral requirement, if the public funds deposited exceed 75% of the capital funds of the depository, the depository must provide collateral having a market value at least equal to 100% of the amount exceeding 75%. All collateral must be deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, or a banking institution that is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has capital funds of not less than \$25,000,000.

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**3 Deposits and Investments - continued**

The Charter School's cash and cash equivalents are classified below to inform financial statement users about the extent to which the Charter School's deposits and investments are exposed to custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits and investments are as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Enterprise Funds	Agency Funds	Total
Operating A/C	\$ 5,229,312	\$ 12,537	\$ 157,953	\$ -	\$ 5,399,802
Restricted-Escrow	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
Total	<u>\$ 5,304,312</u>	<u>\$ 12,537</u>	<u>\$ 157,953</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,474,802</u>

Operating cash accounts are held in the Charter School's name by several banking institutions. At June 30, 2024, the Charter School's carrying amount of deposits was \$5,474,802 and the bank balance was \$5,719,298. Of the bank balance, up to a maximum of \$338,855 the Charter School's cash deposits on June 30, 2024 were secured by federal deposit insurance and \$5,380,443 was covered by a collateral pool maintained by the bank as required by New Jersey statutes in accordance with the New Jersey Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA").

**Establishment of an Escrow Account**

Several years back, the Charter School established and funded a portion of an Escrow Account pursuant to an agreement signed with the New Jersey Department of Education. The required maximum is \$75,000. The Charter School has fully funded the required \$75,000. The agreement stipulates that the intended use of the escrow amount is "to pay for legal and audit expenses and any other outstanding pension benefits that would be associated with a dissolution should it occur."

GASB Statement No. 40 requires that the Charter School disclose whether its deposits are exposed to custodial risk (risk that in the event of failure of the counterparty, the Charter School would not be able to recover the value of its deposit or investment). In general deposits are considered to be exposed to custodial risk by three categories described below:

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**3 Deposits and Investments - *continued***

**Category 1** - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Charter School or by its agent in the Charter School's name. **Category 2** - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository's trust department or agent in the Charter School's name. **Category 3** - Uncollateralized, including any deposits that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Charter School's name.

The Charter School does not have a policy for the management of the custodial risk, other than depositing all of its funds in banks covered by GUDPA.

**Investments**

New Jersey statutes permit the Charter School to purchase the following types of securities:

1. Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
2. Bonds of any Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal national Mortgage Agency or of any United States Bank for Cooperatives which have a maturity date not greater than twelve months from the date of purchase.
3. Bonds or other obligations of the Charter School.
4. New Jersey Cash Management Fund, New Jersey Arbitrage Rebate Management Fund and MBIA CLASS.

As of June 30, 2024, the Charter School did not hold any investments.

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**4 Capital Assets**

The following schedule is a summarization of the governmental activities changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2024:

<b>Governmental activities</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Net Additions (Deletions)</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Capital assets not depreciated:</b>			
Land	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000
<b>Capital assets, being depreciated:</b>			
Buildings	916,085	-	916,085
Leasehold improvements	381,742	-	381,742
Vehicles	55,300	-	55,300
Machinery and equipment	423,177	-	423,177
Total capital assets, being depreciated	1,776,304	-	1,776,304
<b>Less accumulated depreciation</b>			
Buildings	578,402	30,536	608,938
Leasehold improvements	226,436	45,167	271,603
Vehicles	55,300	-	55,300
Machinery and equipment	423,177	-	423,177
Total accumulated depreciation	1,283,315	75,703	1,359,018
Total capital assets net	\$ 542,989	\$ (75,703)	\$ 467,286

Depreciation expense of \$75,703 was charged to an unallocated function.

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**4 Capital Assets and Right-of-Use Lease Assets - continued**

Changes in right-of-use lease assets are as follows for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Net Additions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Right-of-use lease assets</b>			
Premises	\$ 2,381,561	\$ -	\$ 2,381,561
Total cost	2,381,561	-	2,381,561
<b>Less - accumulated amortization</b>			
Premises	2,070,225	176,031	2,246,256
Total accumulated amortization	2,070,225	176,031	2,246,256
<b>Right-of-use lease assets - net</b>	<b>\$ 311,336</b>	<b>\$ (176,031)</b>	<b>\$ 135,305</b>

**5 Lease Obligations**

**Lease Agreements – Implementation of GASB 87**

<b>Lease Liabilities</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Acquired Current Year</b>	<b>Retired Current Year</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Facilities lease liabilities	\$ 336,695	\$ -	\$ (188,176)	\$ 148,519
Total lease liabilities	\$ 336,695	\$ -	\$ (188,176)	148,519
Current portion				126,769
Non-current portion				21,750
Total lease liabilities				<u>\$ 148,519</u>

The Charter School leases its premises and equipment under the terms of several non-cancelable leases. Certain leases are automatically renewed upon the charter renewal and can be extended through various dates through June 30, 2030.



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**5 Lease Obligations - continued**

**Lease Agreements – Implementation of GASB 87 - continued**

The leases required aggregate annual cash payments of approximately \$539,316 during the year ended June 30, 2024. Interest expense on the leases was \$11,140 for the year ended June 30, 2024 which is reflected as lease interest expense on the accompanying budgetary comparison schedule – general fund (exhibit C-1).

The value of the lease liabilities was \$2,381,561 as of June 30, 2024 which was calculated using a discount rate of 5% (the Charter School's estimated incremental borrowing rate).

The net value of the right-of-use assets at June 30, 2024 was \$135,305. Amortization of the related right-of-use lease assets was \$176,031 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Future minimum payments under these agreements and future amortization are as follows:

<b>Year ending June 30:</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Amortization</b>
2025	\$ 126,769	\$ 4,547	\$ 115,975
2026	21,750	136	19,329
2027	-	-	-
2028	-	-	-
2029	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-
	\$ 148,519	\$ 4,683	\$ 135,304

**5 Lease Obligations**

**Facilities Leases**

The Charter School leases its facilities under several operating lease agreements:

682 Park Avenue and 106 Washington Street, East Orange, New Jersey – a six-year lease which commenced on January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2018. The basic annual rent for the six year term was \$396,000. The lease was renewed on January 1, 2019 for a five-year period – September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2023 at an annual rent of \$408,000 (or monthly rent of \$34,000). The renewed lease monthly payment covers the parking lot on Park Avenue in East Orange, New Jersey. The amount paid under this lease for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$408,000.

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**5 Lease Obligations - continued**

44 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey – The lease was renewed effective September 1, 2020 for five years through August 31, 2025. The basic rent amounts for the five-year term is \$131,316 per annum or \$10,943 per month. The total amount paid under this lease for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$131,316.

**Equipment Leases**

The Charter School leases office equipment under several operating lease agreements. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Charter School incurred \$50,797 in equipment lease expenditures.

Future minimum lease payments required under the operating leases are as follows:

<b>Year ending June 30:</b>	<b>682 Park Ave &amp; 106 Washington Leases</b>	<b>44 Glenwood Avenue Lease</b>	<b>Equipment Leases</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025	\$ -	\$ 21,886	\$ -	\$ 21,886
2026 to 2028	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 21,886</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 21,886</u>

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**6 Pension Plans**

**Description of Plans**

Substantially all of the employees of the Charter School are covered by either the Public Employee's Retirement System or the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (both of which are contributory defined benefits plans). Both were established by state statute and are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pension and Benefit (Division). According to the State of New Jersey Administrative Code, all obligations of both Systems will be assumed by the State of New Jersey should the Systems terminate.

The State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, issues publicly available financial reports that include the financial statements and required supplementary information for TPAF and PERS. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, P.O. Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295.

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)**

The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund was established in January 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66 to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full time public school employees in the State. Membership is mandatory for such employees and vesting occurs after 10 years of service for pension benefits and 25 years for health care coverage. Age eligibility and benefit provisions were affected by Chapters 92 and 103, P.L. 2007, Chapter 89, P.L. 2008, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, and Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. Members are classified into one of five tiers dependent upon the date of their enrollment. Tier 1, 2 and 3 members are eligible to retire at age 60, 60, and 62, respectively, with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/55th of the average annual compensation for the highest three fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Tier 4 and 5 members are eligible to retire at age 62 and 65, respectively, with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/60th of the average annual compensation for the highest five fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Anyone who retires early and is under their respective tier's retirement age receives retirement benefits as calculated in the formulas mentioned above, but at a reduced rate in accordance with applicable New Jersey Statute based upon their tier.

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**6 Pension Plans - *continued***

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**

The Public Employees' Retirement System was established in January 1955 under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A to provide coverage including post-retirement health care to substantially all full-time employees of the State or any county, municipality, school Board or public agency provided the employee is not a member of another State-administered retirement system. Age eligibility and benefit provisions were affected by Chapters 92 and 103, P.L. 2007, Chapter 89, P.L. 2008, Chapter 1, P.L. 2010, and Chapter 78, P.L. 2011. Members are classified into one of five tiers dependent upon the date of their enrollment. Tier 1, 2 and 3 members are eligible to retire at age 60, 60, and 62, respectively with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/55th of the average annual compensation for the highest three fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Tier 4 and 5 members are eligible to retire at age 62 and 65, respectively with an annual benefit generally determined to be 1/60th of the average annual compensation for the highest five fiscal years' compensation for each year of membership during years of credited service. Anyone who retires early and is under their respective tier's retirement age receives retirement benefits as calculated in the formulas mentioned above, but at a reduced rate in accordance with applicable New Jersey Statute based upon their tier.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)**

The Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) was established under the provision of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 to provide coverage to elected and certain appointed officials, effective July 1, 2007. Membership is mandatory for such individuals with vesting occurring after one year of membership.

**Funding Policy**

The contribution policy is set by New Jersey State Statutes and contributions are required by active members and contributing members. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by State of New Jersey legislation. Under the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, employee contribution rates for TPAF and PERS increased to 7.5% of employees' annual compensation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate in both the TPAF and PERS. The actuarially determined contribution includes funding for noncontributory death benefits and post-retirement medical premiums. Under current statute the Board is a non-contributing employer of the TPAF.

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**6 Pension Plans - *continued***

**Annual Pension Costs (APC)**

Per the requirements of GASB Statement No. 27 for the year ended June 30, 2011 for TPAF, which is a cost sharing plan with special funding situations, annual pension cost differs from the annual required contribution. For PERS, which is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, the annual pension cost equals contributions made. TPAF employer contributions are made annually by the State of New Jersey to the pension system on behalf of the Board.

PERS employer contributions are made annually by the Board to the pension system in accordance with Chapter 114, P.L. 1997. In the DCRP, which is a defined contribution plan, member contributions are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

The Charter School's contribution to PERS for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$257,116.

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:66-66 the State of New Jersey reimbursed the Charter School \$133,474 during the year ended June 30, 2024 for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members, as calculated on their base salaries. Also, the State paid \$840,996 into the TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the TPAF Pension System Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and TPAF Long Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions for the Charter School. These amounts have been included in the school wide financial statements and the fund financial statements as a revenue and expenditure in accordance with GASB No. 24.

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)**

***Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the TPAF's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the TPAF.

For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension***

The employer contributions for the Charter School are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A 18:66-33. Therefore, the Charter School (employer) is considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 and the State is treated as a non-employer contributing entity.

Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan (except for employer specific financed amounts), there is no net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows to report in the financial statements of the Charter School. However, the state's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School was \$10,332,710 as measured on June 30, 2023 and \$9,023,731 as measured on June 30, 2022, respectively.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$253,845 and revenue of \$253,845 for support provided by the State. The measurement period for the pension expense and revenue reported in the Charter School's financial statements (A-2) at June 30, 2024 is based upon changes in the collective net pension liability with a measurement period of June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Accordingly, the pension expense and the related revenue associated with the support provided by the State are based upon the changes in the collective net pension liability between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - *continued***

Although the Charter School does not report net pension liability or deferred outflows or inflows related to the TPAF, the following schedule illustrates the collective net pension liability and deferred items and the State's portion of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School. The collective amounts are the total of all New Jersey local governments participating in the TPAF plan.

	<u><b>June 30, 2023</b></u>	<u><b>June 30, 2022</b></u>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 2,413,548,676	\$ 4,885,289,911
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$14,741,373,312	\$19,563,805,393
Collective net pension liability (non-employer State of New Jersey)	\$51,032,669,551	\$51,594,415,806
State's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School	\$ 10,332,710	\$ 9,023,731
State's portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Charter School as a percentage of the collective net pension liability	0.020247%	0.017490%

***Actuarial Assumptions***

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation rate - price	2.75%
Inflation rate - wage	3.25%
Salary increases: thereafter	2.75% - 4.25% based on years of service
Investment rate of return	7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Employee mortality table with a 93.9% adjustment for males and 85.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Teachers Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 114.7% adjustment for males and 99.6% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis.

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - *continued***

***Actuarial Assumptions - continued***

Disability mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 106.3% adjustment for males and 100.3% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

***Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - continued***

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:



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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - *continued***

***Long-Term Expected Rate of Return - continued***

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%

***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the State's total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments in determining the total pension liability.

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) - *continued***

***Sensitivity of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

Since the Charter School's has no proportionate share of the net pension liability because of the special funding situation, the Charter School would not be sensitive to any changes in the discount rate. Detailed information about the pension plan's sensitivity of the collective net pension liability to changes in the discount rate is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/documents/financial/gasb/gasb68-tpaf23.pdf>

***Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position***

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/gasb-notices.shtml>

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)**

***Summary of Significant Accounting Policies***

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PERS and additions to/deductions from PERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension***

At June 30, 2024, the Charter School reported a liability of \$2,786,448 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The total pension liability for the June 30, 2022 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability is based on the ratio of the contributions as an individual employer to total contributions to the PERS during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. At June 30, 2023, the Charter School's proportion was 0.0186639998% which was an increase of 0.0005736176% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 which was 0.0186639998%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Charter School recognized pension expense of \$257,116. At June 30, 2024, the Charter School reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued**

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension - continued***

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 26,642	\$ 11,390
Changes in assumptions	6,121	168,871
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	12,832	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Charter School's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	384,818	304,917
Subtotal	430,413	485,178
Charter School's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	257,116	-
Total	<u>\$ 687,529</u>	<u>\$ 485,178</u>

\$257,116 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from school Charter School contributions subsequent to the measurement date (i.e. for the school year ending June 30, 2024, the plan measurement date is June 30, 2023) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability measured as of June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year Ending June 30:</b>	<b>Pension Expense</b>
2024	\$ (59,827)
2025	(33,393)
2026	46,665
2027	(8,351)
2028	142
Thereafter	-
	<u>\$ (54,765)</u>

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - continued**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - continued**

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pension – continued***

	<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>June 30, 2022</b>
Collective deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,101,221,923	\$ 1,715,543,211
Collective deferred inflows of resources	\$ 1,648,476,259	\$ 4,112,583,758
Collective net pension liability (Non-State Local Group)	\$ 14,484,374,047	\$ 15,091,376,611
Charter School's portion of the net pension liability	\$ 2,786,448	\$ 2,816,654
Charter School's proportion (percentage)	0.01923761%	0.01866400%

***Actuarial Assumptions***

The collective total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions:

Inflation rate - price	2.75%
Inflation rate - wage	3.25%
Salary increases: thereafter	2.75%-6.55% based on years of service
Investment rate of return	7.00%

Pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Employee mortality table with an 82.2% adjustment for males and 101.4% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 91.4% adjustment for males and 99.7% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table with a 127.7% adjustment for males and 117.2% adjustment for females, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. Mortality improvement is based on Scale MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) - *continued***

***Long-Term Expected Rate of Return***

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2023) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investment and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return was determined using a building block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in PERS’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-US Developed Markets Equity	12.75%	9.22%
International Small Cap Equity	1.25%	9.22%
Emerging Markets Equity	5.50%	11.13%
Private Equity	13.00%	12.50%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
Real Assets	3.00%	8.40%
High Yield	4.50%	6.97%
Private Credit	8.00%	9.20%
Investment Grade Credit	7.00%	5.19%
Cash Equivalents	2.00%	3.31%
U.S. Treasuries	4.00%	3.31%
Risk Mitigation Strategies	3.00%	6.21%

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) – *continued***

***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be based on 100% of the actuarially determined contributions for the State employer and 100% of actuarially determined contributions for the local employers. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**7 Pension Plans – GASB 68 Disclosures - *continued***

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) - *continued***

***Sensitivity of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the collective net pension liability of the participating employers as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the collective net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

<b>2023</b>			
	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.00%)</b>
Charter School's proportionate share of the pension liability	<u>\$ 3,657,945</u>	<u>\$ 2,786,448</u>	<u>\$ 2,088,177</u>
<b>2022</b>			
	<b>1% Decrease (6.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.00%)</b>
Charter School's proportionate share of the pension liability	<u>\$ 3,649,222</u>	<u>\$ 2,816,654</u>	<u>\$ 2,152,261</u>

***Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position***

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued State of New Jersey Divisions of Pensions and Benefits financial report at: <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-rprts-home.shtml>



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**8 Post Retirement Benefits**

**Plan Description and Benefits Provided**

The Charter School is in a "special funding situation", as described in GASB Statement No. 75, in that OPEB contributions and expenses are legally required to be made by and are the sole responsibility of the State of New Jersey, not the Charter School.

The State of New Jersey reports a liability as a result of its statutory requirements to pay other post-employment (health) benefits for the State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Education Plan. The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, no assets are accumulated in a qualifying trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The State Health Benefits Local Education Retired Employees Plan provides medical, prescription drug, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents of local education employers.

The employer contributions for the participating local education employers are legally required to be funded by the State of New Jersey in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.32f. According to N.J.S.A. 52: 14-17.32f, the State provides employer-paid coverage to employees who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years or more of service credit in, or retires on a disability pension from, one or more of the following plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS), or the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP). Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 years or more of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

The total non-employer OPEB liability does not include certain other postemployment benefit obligations that are provided by the local education employers. The reporting of these benefits, if any, is the responsibility of the individual education employers.

**Employees Covered by Benefit Terms.**

At June 30, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

*Active plan member = 217,212*

*Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits = 152,383*

*Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits = -0-*

*Total plan members = 369,595*

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**8 Post Retirement Benefits – continued**

**Total Non-employer OPEB Liability**

The State, a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to OPEB for qualified retired PERS and TPAF participants. The Charter School's proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the Charter School did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position. Accordingly, the following OPEB liability note information is reported at the State's level and is not specific to the board of education/board of trustees. Note that actual numbers will be published in the NJ State's ACFR (<https://www.nj.gov/treasury/omb/publications/archives.shtml>)

The total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. The total nonemployer OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs**

The actuarial assumptions vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan the member is enrolled in. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

<b>Inflation Rate</b>	2.50%	
	<b>TPAF/ABP</b>	<b>PERS</b>
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Salary increases:		
Through 2029	2.75 to 5.65% based on years of service	2.75 to 6.55% based on years of service
Thereafter	2.75 to 5.65% based on years of service	2.75 to 6.55% based on years of service

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**8 Post Retirement Benefits – *continued***

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs - *continued***

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Healthy “Teachers” (TPAF/ABP) and “General” (PERS) classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2023. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 “General” classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2023. Disability mortality was based on the Pub-2010 “General” classification headcount-weighted disabled mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2023.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018, and July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018 for TPAF and PERS, respectively.

100% of all retirees who currently have healthcare coverage are assumed to continue with that coverage. 100% of active members are considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement, having a coverage blend of 85% and 15% in PPO and HMO, respectively.

**Health Care Trend Assumptions**

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.65% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2024 through 2024 are reflected. For PPO the trend is initially 5.74% in fiscal year 2025, increasing to 12.93% in fiscal year 2025 and decreases to 4.50% after 11 years. For HMO the trend is initially 6.01 % in fiscal year 2025, increasing to 15 .23% in fiscal year 2025 and decreases to 4.5% after 11 years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 6.75% and decreases to a 4.50% long-term trend rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate for June 30, 2023 was 2.16%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. As the long-term rate of return is less than the municipal bond rate, it is not considered in the calculation of the discount rate, rather the discount rate is set at the municipal bond rate.

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**8 Post Retirement Benefits – continued**

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability Reported by the State of New Jersey**

	<b>Increase/(Decrease) Total OPEB Liability</b>
Balance as of June 30, 2022 measurement date	<u>\$ 50,646,462,966</u>
Changes recognized for the fiscal year:	
Service cost	\$ 2,136,235,476
Interest on total OPEB liability	1,844,113,951
Changes of benefit terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experiences	(980,424,863)
Effect of changes of assumptions	105,539,463
Gross benefits paid by the State	(1,437,516,858)
Contributions from the members	<u>47,258,104</u>
Net changes	<u>\$ 1,715,205,273</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2023 measurement date	<u><u>\$ 52,361,668,239</u></u>

**Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District calculated using the discount rate of 3.65%; as well as what the State's proportionate share of the OPEB liability attributable to the District that would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65 percent) than the current rate:

	<b>2023</b>		
	<b>At 1% Decrease (2.65%)</b>	<b>At 1% Discount Rate (3.65%)</b>	<b>At 1% Increase (4.65%)</b>
Total OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School	<u>\$ 9,380,947</u>	<u>\$ 8,001,979</u>	<u>\$ 6,894,828</u>
	<b>2022</b>		
	<b>At 1% Decrease (2.54%)</b>	<b>At 1% Discount Rate (3.54%)</b>	<b>At 1% Increase (4.54%)</b>
Total OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School	<u>\$ 9,955,655</u>	<u>\$ 8,470,052</u>	<u>\$ 7,279,415</u>

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**8 Post Retirement Benefits – continued**

**Sensitivity of Total Nonemployer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate**

The following presents the total nonemployer OPEB Liability attributable to the Charter School as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed in this note, as well as what the total nonemployer OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School would be if it were calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is I-percentage-point lower or I-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

<b>2023</b>			
	<b><u>At 1% Decrease</u></b>	<b><u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u></b>	<b><u>At 1% Increase</u></b>
Total OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School	<u>\$ 6,642,876</u>	<u>\$ 8,001,979</u>	<u>\$ 7,777,093</u>
<b>2022</b>			
	<b><u>At 1% Decrease</u></b>	<b><u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u></b>	<b><u>At 1% Increase</u></b>
Total OPEB liability attributable to the Charter School	<u>\$ 7,001,016</u>	<u>\$ 8,470,052</u>	<u>\$ 10,399,720</u>

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 the Charter School recognized OPEB expense of \$278,213 as determined by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits. This expense and the related offsetting revenue are for benefits provided by the State through a defined benefit OPEB plan that meets the criteria in GASB Statement 75, in which there is a special funding situation.

In accordance with GASB Statement 75, as the Charter School's proportionate share of the OPEB liability is \$-0, there is no recognition of the allocation of the proportionate share of the deferred inflows and outflows of resources. At June 30, 2023 the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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**8 Post Retirement Benefits – continued**

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB - continued**

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$ 7,639,717,639	\$ 13,791,541,217
Net difference between expected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	-
Assumption changes	7,445,895,322	14,449,948,556
Subtotal	15,085,612,961	28,241,489,773
Contributions made in fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 after the measurement date	TBD	N/A
Total	\$ TBD	\$ 28,241,489,773

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<b>Measurement Period - Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</b>	<b>Total</b>
2024	\$ (2,611,225,301)
2025	\$ (2,611,225,301)
2026	\$ (2,269,523,460)
2027	\$ (1,338,024,839)
2028	\$ (273,877,609)
Thereafter	\$ (4,052,000,302)
	\$ (13,155,876,812)

**9 Deferred Compensation**

The Charter School offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with the IRS code 403(b). The plan which is administered by American Skandia Advisor Funds, Inc. and Primerica Financial Services permits participants to defer a portion of their salaries until future years.

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**10 Economic Dependency**

The Charter School receives a substantial amount of its support from federal and state governments. A significant reduction in the level of support, if it were to occur, could have an effect on the Charter School's programs and activities.

**11 Fund Balance Appropriated – General Fund (Exhibit B- 1)**

Of the \$5,401,918 General Fund balance at June 30, 2024, \$75,000 is reserved for a cash escrow account as required by an agreement with New Jersey Department of Education. Further, by its resolution in the prior year ended June 30, 2019 (precisely on December 3, 2019), the Board of the Charter School designated \$1,000,000 of the fund balance for future capital expenditures. \$4,326,918 is unreserved and undesignated.

The Charter School has been operating in four (4) remote locations since it has reached the fourth grade and has been exploring the feasibility of consolidating all school operations in a single building ever since. Funds have been expended in this pursuit, and it has been estimated through investigation that the cost of developing a building facility that could house all operations would require an equity investment of at least \$1,000,000. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees has designated (by a Board Resolution on December 3, 2019) \$1,000,000 of the Fund Balance for future capital projects and the remaining balance will be used to balance the budget whenever the student enrollment count is low.

**12 Contingent Liabilities**

The Charter School participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Expenditures financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If expenditures are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the Charter School may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2024, significant amounts of grant expenditures have not been audited by the various grantor agencies but the Charter School believes that disallowed expenditures, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual governmental funds or the overall financial position of the Charter School.

The Charter School's attorney's letter advises of the following:

*"That based upon the information available to my firm there is no litigation presently pending in which the EOCCS is a party, nor has such litigation existed during the subject calendar year. Further, my office is not aware of any claims or assessments involving the EOCCS or other matters that may result in claims or assessments against EOCCS."*

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**13 Risk Management**

The Charter School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

**Property and Liability Insurance** - The Charter School maintains commercial insurance coverage for property, liability and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section (UNAUDITED) of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

**New Jersey Unemployment Compensation** - The Charter School has elected to fund its New Jersey Unemployment Compensation Insurance under the “Benefit Reimbursement Method”. Under this plan, the Charter School is required to reimburse the New Jersey Unemployment Trust Fund For benefits paid to its former employees and charged to its account with the State. The Charter School is billed quarterly for amounts due to the State. The following table is a summary of Charter School contributions, employee contributions, reimbursements to the State for benefits paid and ending balance of the Charter School’s expendable trust fund for the current and previous two years:

**14 Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers**

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Interfund Receivable</b>	<b>Interfund Payable</b>
General Fund	\$ 366,160	\$ 399,987
Special Revenue Fund	-	422,988
Enterprise Fund	626,276	169,461
Trust and Agency Fund	-	-
	<u>\$ 992,436</u>	<u>\$ 992,436</u>

The above balances are the results of revenues earned or other financing sources received in one fund which are due to another fund and/or expenditures paid by one fund on behalf of another fund and/or to cover cash balances which were in negative position. Liquidation of this interfund balances is expected within the next fiscal year.



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**15 Receivables**

Receivables as of June 30, 2024 consisted of accounts, intergovernmental, grants and miscellaneous. All receivables are considered collectible in full. A summary of the principal items of receivables are as follows:

State aid	\$ 11,818
Federal aid	996,620
Other	403,885
Total receivables	<u>\$ 1,412,323</u>

**16 Subsequent Events**

The Charter School has evaluated all subsequent events occurring through the date of the independent auditor's report which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based on this evaluation, the Charter School has determined that no subsequent event requires disclosure in the financial statements.

**17 Risk and Uncertainties – COVID-19 and Its Impact**

In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in Wuhan, China and has since spread to other countries, including the United States. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. In addition, as of March 21, 2020, New Jersey State Governor Phil Murphy ordered the closure of the physical location of every "non-life sustaining" and "non-essential" business.

The Charter School's operations are heavily dependent on both federal and state grant revenues. Its physical locations were closed from March 2020 through September 2020. The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. As such it is uncertain as to the full impact that the pandemic will have on the Charter School's financial condition, liquidity, and future results of operations. Management is actively monitoring the situation on its financial condition, liquidity and operations. The rapid development and fluidity of this situation precludes any prediction as to the ultimate material adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Nevertheless, the COVID-19 pandemic presents material uncertainty and risk with respect to the Charter School its performance, and its financial results. However, it should be noted that as of the date of this report, the Charter School's various federal and state grants have not been materially impacted.

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**18 Mortgage Payable**

The Charter School had a mortgage held by Valley National Bank. The original loan amount of \$748,000 was refinanced on January 31, 2006 at a variable interest rate. It matured during the previous year ended June 30, 2022 - on February 1, 2022 and was fully paid. Therefore, there were no outstanding balances as of June 30, 2024.

**19 Line of Credit**

The Charter School has a line of credit in the amount of \$300,000 with Wells Fargo Bank. The facility was utilized during the year ended June 30, 2024 to assist the Charter School in managing its cash flows during the months of July through September 2023. All outstanding balances were paid during the year and there was no outstanding balance as of June 30, 2024. Interest accrued on the unpaid balance at Wells Fargo Bank's Prime Rate Plus 1% and the rate changes from time to time in accordance with changes in the Bank's Prime Rate. Interest expense (on the amount of the Line of Credit utilized) during the year was \$-0-.

**20 Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**  
**Explanation of Certain Differences Between the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet (B-1) and the Government-wide Statement of Net Position (A-1).**

The governmental fund balance sheet includes reconciliation between fund balance – total governmental funds and net position - governmental activities as reported in the Government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that long-term liabilities, including deferred pension liability are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. The reconciliation is as follows:

Fund balance per B-1	\$ 5,401,918
Cost of capital assets net accumulated depreciation	467,286
Pension deferred outflows	430,413
Pension deferred inflows	(485,178)
Deferred pension liability as of June 30, 2024	(2,786,448)
Right-of-use assets net of accumulated amortization	135,305
Lease liabilities	(148,519)
Net position (per A-1) as of June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$ 3,014,777</u></u>

## Required Supplementary Information

### Part II

#### Budgetary Comparison

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
General Fund**

**C-1**

**Budget Comparison Schedule**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Budget Transfers</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Final to Actual</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local Sources:					
Local tax levy	\$ 1,111,961	\$ (66,763)	\$ 1,045,198	\$ 1,045,198	\$ -
Miscellaneous	216,934	(1)	216,933	742,188	525,255
Total revenues -local sources	1,328,895	(66,764)	1,262,131	1,787,386	525,255
State sources:					
State sources	6,608,491	19,257	6,627,748	6,627,748	-
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	-	133,474	133,474	133,474	-
TPAF - Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	179,852	179,852
Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	660,823	660,823
Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	321	321
Total -state sources	6,608,491	152,731	6,761,222	7,602,218	840,996
Total revenues	7,937,386	85,967	8,023,353	9,389,604	1,366,251
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current expense:					
Instruction					
Salaries of teachers	1,784,335	(441,490)	1,342,845	1,342,845	-
Other salaries for instruction	1,317,906	66,458	1,384,364	1,384,364	-
Purchased profesional technical services	12,000	(4,023)	7,977	7,977	-
Other purchased services	50,704	(47,603)	3,101	3,101	-
General educational supplies	132,000	(59,637)	72,363	72,363	-
Textbooks	153,000	(151,082)	1,918	1,918	-
Miscellaneous expenses	27,000	15,610	42,610	42,610	-
	3,476,945	(621,767)	2,855,178	2,855,178	-

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**General Fund**

**C-1**

**Budget Comparison Schedule**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Budget Transfers</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Final to Actual</b>
Administrative cost:					
Salaries	449,000	(51,269)	397,731	397,731	-
Total benefit costs	1,432,000	(14,205)	1,417,795	1,284,321	133,474
Professional /Technical service	454,036	60,172	514,208	514,208	-
Other purchased services	20,000	(18,730)	1,270	1,270	-
Communications and Telephones	180,000	(64,825)	115,175	115,175	-
Supplies and materials	55,500	(7,330)	48,170	48,170	-
Interest on current loans	-	-	-	-	-
Mortgage interest	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses	4,000	(2,516)	1,484	1,484	-
	<u>2,594,536</u>	<u>(98,703)</u>	<u>2,495,833</u>	<u>2,362,359</u>	<u>133,474</u>
Support services:					
Salaries	1,301,803	73,498	1,375,301	1,375,301	-
Purchased prof/tech service	7,000	(7,000)	-	-	-
Other purchased services	135,000	145,280	280,280	280,280	-
Rent on land and buildings	540,000	(684)	539,316	539,316	-
Insurance-fidelity, liability property	58,000	(10,773)	47,227	47,227	-
Supplies and materials	53,000	9,037	62,037	62,037	-
Energy & Utilities	155,000	11,188	166,188	166,188	-
Miscellaneous expenses	3,000	(896)	2,104	2,104	-
Transportation other than to/from school	3,000	(12,727)	(9,727)	(9,727)	-
Lease interest expense	-	-	-	-	-
Principal payments on lease liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Total support services	<u>2,255,803</u>	<u>206,923</u>	<u>2,462,726</u>	<u>2,462,726</u>	<u>-</u>

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**General Fund**

**C-1**

**Budget Comparison Schedule**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Budget Transfers</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance Final to Actual</b>
Capital outlay:					
Instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Non-instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase land/improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Total capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Reimbursed TPAF-Social Security (non-budgeted)	-	-	-	133,474	(133,474)
TPAF - Post Retirement Medical (On-Behalf - Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	179,852	(179,852)
Teacher's Pension & Annuity Fund (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	660,823	(660,823)
Long Term Disability Insurance (On-Behalf-Non-Budgeted)	-	-	-	321	(321)
Total expenditures	8,327,284	(513,547)	7,813,737	8,654,733	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures, before other financing sources	(389,898)	599,514	209,616	734,871	1,366,251
Other financing sources:					
Transfer to cover food deficit	-	-	-	-	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures, after other financing sources	(389,898)	599,514	209,616	734,871	1,366,251
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,667,047	-	4,667,047	4,667,047	-
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 4,277,149	\$ 599,514	\$ 4,876,663	\$ 5,401,918	\$ 1,366,251

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
Special Revenue Fund**

C-2

**Budget Comparison Schedule**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Budget Transfers</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Final to Actual</u>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Federal sources	\$ 2,156,093	\$ -	\$ 2,156,093	\$ 2,156,093	\$ -
State sources	34,323	-	34,323	34,323	-
Total revenues -all sources	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Current Expenditures:					
Instruction:					
Salaries of teachers	\$ 662,370	\$ -	\$ 662,370	\$ 662,370	\$ -
Purchased Prof. and technical services	62,187	-	62,187	62,187	-
Other purchased services	10,213	-	10,213	10,213	-
General supplies	116,802	-	116,802	116,802	-
Miscellaneous expenditures	387,219	-	387,219	387,219	-
Total instruction	<u>1,238,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,238,791</u>	<u>1,238,791</u>	<u>-</u>
Support services					
Support services salaries	352,515	-	352,515	352,515	-
Employee benefits	101,131	-	101,131	101,131	-
Purchased professional services	203,035	-	203,035	203,035	-
Other purchased services	134,525	-	134,525	134,525	-
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenditures	160,419	-	160,419	160,419	-
Total support services	<u>951,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>951,625</u>	<u>951,625</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital Outlay:					
Facilities acquisition and construction services					
Instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Noninstructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Construction services	-	-	-	-	-
Total facilities acquisition and construction services	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

## Notes to Required Supplementary Information



**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Note to Required Supplementary Information**  
**Budget to GAAP Reconciliation**

C-3

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

		General Fund	Special Revenue Fund
		<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Sources/inflows of resources</b>			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "revenue"			
from the budgetary comparison schedule:	[C-1]	\$ 9,389,604	
	[C-2]		\$ 2,190,416
Difference - budget to GAAP:			
Grant accounting budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that			
encumbrances are recognized as expenditures, and the related			
revenue is recognized.		-	-
Total revenues as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures			
and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2]	<u>\$ 9,389,604</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>
Note 1			
<b>Uses/outflows of resources</b>			
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the			
budgetary comparison schedule	[C-1]	\$ 8,654,733	
	[C-2]		\$ 2,190,416
Differences - budget to GAAP			
Encumbrances for supplies and equipment ordered but			
not received are reported in the year the order is placed for			
budgetary purposes, but in the year the supplies are received			
for financial reporting purposes.			-
Transfers to and from other funds are presented as outflows of			
budgetary resources but are not expenditures			
for financial reporting purposes.			
Net transfer (outflows) to general fund		-	-
Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues,			
expenditures, and changes in fund balances - governmental funds	[B-2]	<u>\$ 8,654,733</u>	<u>\$ 2,190,416</u>

Note 1) The general fund budget basis of the use/outflow of resources is GAAP, therefore no reconciliation is required.

EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

L-1

Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - PERS  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,		2017	2016	2015	2014
					2019	2018				
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability (assets)	0.0192376174%	0.0186639998%	0.0213217096%	0.0196233910%	0.0166275415%	0.0163412860%	0.0183023796%	0.0214207631%	0.0210902981%	0.0214773287%
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)	\$ 2,786,448	\$ 2,816,654	\$ 2,525,876	\$ 3,200,062	\$ 2,996,031	\$ 3,217,518	\$ 4,260,501	\$ 6,344,216	\$ 4,734,349	\$ 4,021,143
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$ 1,527,082	\$ 1,489,836	\$ 1,453,498	\$ 1,387,141	\$ 1,321,087	\$ 1,126,244	\$ 1,147,179	\$ 1,335,973	\$ 1,486,956	\$ 1,445,562
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	182.47%	189.06%	173.78%	230.69%	226.79%	285.69%	371.39%	474.88%	318.39%	278.17%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability - local	65.23%	62.91%	70.33%	58.32%	56.27%	53.60%	48.10%	40.14%	47.93%	52.08%

## EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

L-2

Schedule of the Charter School's Contributions - PERS  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</u>									
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 257,116	\$ 235,362	\$ 258,069	\$ 222,873	\$ 170,920	\$ 184,296	\$ 184,296	\$ 206,395	\$ 181,320	\$ 177,056
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(257,116)</u>	<u>(235,362)</u>	<u>(258,069)</u>	<u>(222,873)</u>	<u>(170,920)</u>	<u>(184,296)</u>	<u>(184,296)</u>	<u>(206,395)</u>	<u>(181,320)</u>	<u>(177,056)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$ 1,527,082	\$ 1,453,498	\$ 1,387,141	\$ 1,321,087	\$ 1,321,087	\$ 1,126,244	\$ 1,147,179	\$ 1,335,973	\$ 1,486,956	\$ 1,445,562
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	16.84%	16.19%	18.60%	16.87%	12.94%	16.36%	16.07%	15.45%	12.19%	12.25%

## EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

L-3

Schedule of the Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - TPAF  
Last Ten Fiscal Years

	2023	2022	2021	2020	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,		2017	2016	2015	2014
					2019	2018				
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability (assets)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) associated with the Charter School	\$ 10,332,710	\$ 9,023,731	\$ 8,709,138	\$ 14,539,642	\$ 13,239,099	\$ 16,726,936	\$ 18,464,633	\$ 21,410,935	\$ 15,135,498	\$ 12,348,063
Total	<u>\$ 10,332,710</u>	<u>\$ 9,023,731</u>	<u>\$ 8,709,138</u>	<u>\$ 14,539,642</u>	<u>\$ 13,239,099</u>	<u>\$ 16,726,936</u>	<u>\$ 18,464,633</u>	<u>\$ 21,410,935</u>	<u>\$ 15,135,498</u>	<u>\$ 12,348,063</u>
Charter School's covered employee payroll	\$ 2,452,716	\$ 2,392,894	\$ 2,334,531	\$ 2,223,362	\$ 2,117,488	\$ 2,309,989	\$ 2,238,797	\$ 2,718,709	\$ 2,776,086	\$ 2,660,306
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered employee payroll**	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	34.68%	32.29%	35.52%	24.60%	24.60%	26.95%	26.49%	25.41%	22.33%	33.64%

\*\*Note

TPAF is a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68 in which the State of New Jersey is 100% responsible for contributions to the plan. Since the Charter School (employer) does not contribute directly to the plan there is no net pension liability to report in the financial statements of the Charter School.

## EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

M-1

**Schedule of the State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the Charter School  
and Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
Public Employee's Retirement System and Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund  
Last Seven Fiscal Years**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	\$ 644,945	\$ 777,902	\$ 974,685	\$ 520,291	\$ 630,277	\$ 732,292	\$ 879,690
Interest cost	281,820	224,466	280,402	263,476	348,406	391,017	332,015
Changes of benefits terms	-	-	(11,505)	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experiences	(1,198,506)	(854,142)	(2,468,445)	2,314,635	(2,240,266)	(1,752,721)	-
Changes of assumptions	16,129	(2,272,167)	10,664	2,235,299	106,011	(972,818)	(1,567,573)
Member contributions	7,222	7,133	7,169	6,457	6,470	7,834	8,783
Gross benefit payments	(219,683)	(222,340)	(220,878)	(213,038)	(218,255)	(226,681)	(238,533)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(468,073)	(2,339,148)	(1,427,908)	5,127,120	(1,367,357)	(1,821,077)	(585,618)
Total OPEB liability - beginning	8,470,052	10,809,200	12,237,108	7,109,988	8,477,345	10,298,422	10,884,040
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>\$ 8,001,979</u>	<u>\$ 8,470,052</u>	<u>\$ 10,809,200</u>	<u>\$ 12,237,108</u>	<u>\$ 7,109,988</u>	<u>\$ 8,477,345</u>	<u>\$ 10,298,422</u>
Covered employee payroll - PERS and TPAF	\$ 2,340,420	\$ 2,467,333	\$ 2,598,501	\$ 2,574,782	\$ 2,373,300	\$ 2,507,726	\$ 2,590,625
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	342%	343%	416%	475%	300%	338%	398%
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) associated with the Charter School	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Charter School's contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

\*\* Information not available.

Until a full ten year trend is compiled, information will be presented for those years for which information is available.

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**(County of Essex)**  
**Notes to Required Supplementary Information**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**1. Pension – Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS)**

Benefit Changes - There were none.

Changes of Assumptions - There were none.

**2. Pension – Teachers’ Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)**

Benefit Changes - There were none.

Changes of Assumptions

In the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation the salary increases were 2.75 – 4.25% based on years of service while in the July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation the salary increases were 2.75% – 5.65% based on years of service.

**3. Other Post-Retirement Benefit Plan – Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) and Teachers’ Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)**

Benefit Changes - There were none.

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate for June 30, 2023 was 3.65%. The discount rate for June 30, 2022 was 3.54%, a change of .11%.

The health care trend rates in the valuation as of June 30, 2023 were based on the following:

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.50% and decreases to a 4.50% long term trend rate after nine years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is increasing to 14.8% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO the trend is increasing to 17.4% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 9.50% and decreases to a 4.50% long term rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.00%.

The health care trend rates in the valuation as of June 30, 2022 were based on the following:

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 6.25% and decreases to a 4.50% long term trend rate after eight years. For post-65 medical benefits PPO, the trend is initially -1.99% in fiscal year 2023, increasing to 13.44% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.5% in fiscal year 2033. For HMO the trend is initially -3.54% in fiscal year 2023, increasing to 15.19% in fiscal year 2026 and decreases to 4.50% in fiscal year 2033. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 8.00% and decreases to a 4.50% long term rate after eight years.

## Other Supplementary Information

## School Level Schedules



## Special Revenue Fund

EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
Special Revenue Fund

E-1

Combining Schedule of Program, Revenue and Expenditures  
Budgetary Basis

Year ended June 30, 2024

	Title IA 2023-	Title IA Carry- 2022-2023	Title I 2023-2024	Title IIA 2023-	Title IIA Carry- 2022-2023	Title IV 2023-	Title IV Carry- 2022-2023	I.D.E.A. 2023-	CRRSA ESSER II 2020-	CRRSA ESSER II Learnine 2020-	ARP ESSER III 2020-2024	ARP ESSER III Learnine 2020-2024	ARP ESSER Summer Learnine 2020-2024	ARP ESSER Bevound School 2020-2024	ARP ESSER Mental Health 2020-2024	SDA Emersemt Needs Improvements	Preschool and Charter Grant	Total
<b>Revenues</b>																		
Federal sources	\$165,582	\$ 85,695	\$ 38,865	\$ 5,230	\$ 4,945	\$ 22,325	\$ 5,124	\$116,095	\$153,282	\$ 66,323	\$ 1,370,385	\$ 62,317	\$ 1,246	\$ 13,679	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,156,093
State sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,856	5,467	34,323
Total revenues -all sources	\$165,582	\$ 85,695	\$ 38,865	\$ 5,230	\$ 4,945	\$ 22,325	\$ 5,124	\$116,095	\$153,282	\$ 66,323	\$ 1,370,385	\$ 62,317	\$ 1,246	\$ 13,679	\$ 45,000	\$ 28,856	\$ 5,467	\$ 2,190,416
<b>Expenditures</b>																		
Instruction																		
Salaries of teachers	\$118,407	\$ 55,855	\$ 36,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,063	\$ 4,760	\$ -	\$122,424	\$ 28,480	\$ 206,525	\$ 57,889	\$ 1,157	\$ 12,707	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 662,370
Purchased Prof. and technical services	38,117	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,500	-	4,570	-	-	-	-	-	-	62,187
Other purchased services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,213	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,213
General supplies	-	25,567	-	-	-	2,880	-	-	789	-	87,566	-	-	-	-	-	-	116,802
Miscellaneous expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	387,219	-	-	-	-	-	-	387,219
Total instruction	156,524	81,422	36,103	-	-	20,943	4,760	-	142,713	28,480	696,093	57,889	1,157	12,707	-	-	-	1,238,791
Support services																		
Support services salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,349	318,166	-	-	-	-	-	-	352,515
Employee benefits	9,058	4,273	2,762	-	-	1,382	364	-	9,105	3,494	65,204	4,428	89	972	-	-	-	101,131
Purchased professional services	-	-	-	5,230	4,945	-	-	116,095	-	-	31,765	-	-	-	45,000	-	-	203,035
Other purchased services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,464	-	98,738	-	-	-	-	28,856	5,467	134,525
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	160,419
Total support services	9,058	4,273	2,762	5,230	4,945	1,382	364	116,095	10,569	37,843	674,292	4,428	89	972	45,000	28,856	5,467	951,625
Facilities acquisition and construction services																		
Instructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noninstructional equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total facilities acquisition and construction serv	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	\$165,582	\$ 85,695	\$ 38,865	\$ 5,230	\$ 4,945	\$ 22,325	\$ 5,124	\$116,095	\$153,282	\$ 66,323	\$ 1,370,385	\$ 62,317	\$ 1,246	\$ 13,679	\$ 45,000	\$ 28,856	\$ 5,467	\$ 2,190,416

### Capital Projects Fund

At June 30, 2024, there was no capital project fund.

## Enterprise Fund

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Enterprise Funds**

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**Combining Statement of Net Position**

**June 30, 2024**

	<u>Food Services</u>	<u>Summer/ After-Care Program</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 157,953	\$ -	\$157,953
Accounts receivable:	-	-	-
Federal	19,406	-	19,406
State	870	-	870
Other	4,197	-	4,197
Interfund receivable		626,276	626,276
Total current assets	<u>\$ 182,426</u>	<u>\$ 626,276</u>	<u>\$808,702</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Interfund payable	169,461	-	169,461
Accounts payable	1,203	-	1,203
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 170,664</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$170,664</u>
<b>Net position</b>			
Unrestricted	11,762	626,276	638,038
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 11,762</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 626,276</u></u>	<u><u>\$638,038</u></u>

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Enterprise Fund**

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**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

	Food Services	Summer/ After-Care Program	Total
Operating revenues:			
Charges for services:			
Daily sales - reimbursable programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Daily sales - nonreimbursable programs	-	-	-
Summer/after care programs revenue		370,311	370,311
Miscellaneous revenue	-	1,399	1,399
Total Operating revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>371,710</u>	<u>371,710</u>
Operating expenses:			
Cost of sales, reimbursable programs	-	-	-
Cost of sales, nonreimbursable programs	293,614	-	293,614
Salaries	-	19,070	19,070
Employee benefits	-	-	-
Professional /technical service	5,765	33,295	39,060
Supplies and materials	1,478	6,488	7,966
Depreciation	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	22,717	22,717
Total operating expenses	<u>300,857</u>	<u>81,570</u>	<u>382,427</u>
Operating income/(loss)	<u>(300,857)</u>	<u>290,140</u>	<u>(10,717)</u>
Nonoperating revenues:			
State sources:			
State school lunch program	5,862	-	5,862
State school lunch program - NJEIE	1,140	-	1,140
State school breakfast program	1,450	-	1,450
State school breakfast program - after bell	1,585	-	1,585
State school breakfast program - NJEIE	604	-	604
Federal sources:			-
National school lunch program	160,557	-	160,557
National school breakfast program	77,904	-	77,904
Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act	3,968	-	3,968
School Programs Emergency Operational Costs Reimbursement Program	15,671	-	15,671
Total nonoperating revenues	<u>268,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,741</u>
Net income/(loss) before contributions & transfers	<u>(32,116)</u>	<u>290,140</u>	<u>258,024</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfer	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in net position	<u>(32,116)</u>	<u>290,140</u>	<u>258,024</u>
Total net position-beginning of year	<u>43,878</u>	<u>336,136</u>	<u>380,014</u>
Total net position-end of year	<u>\$ 11,762</u>	<u>\$ 626,276</u>	<u>\$ 638,038</u>

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Enterprise Fund**

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**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year ended June 30, 2024**

	<u>Food Services</u>	<u>Summer/ After-Care Program</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Operating loss	\$ (300,857)	\$ 290,140	\$ (10,717)
Adjustment to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	36,133	-	36,133
Other current assets	-	(290,140)	(290,140)
Due to general fund	51,185	-	51,185
Accounts payable	(12,437)	-	(12,437)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(225,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(225,976)</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>			
Cash received from state reimbursements	10,641	-	10,641
Cash received from federal reimbursements	258,100	-	258,100
Operating subsidies and transfers	-	-	-
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>268,741</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>268,741</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	-	-	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	42,765	-	42,765
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	115,188	-	115,188
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	<u>\$ 157,953</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 157,953</u>

Fiduciary Fund  
Not Applicable



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Long Term Debt

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**Long-Term Debt**  
**Schedule of Obligations Under Renovation Loan**

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Year ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Variable Interest Rate Payable</u>	<u>Amount of Original Issue</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Acquired Current Year</u>	<u>Retired Current Year</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding June 30, 2024</u>
NONE						
			<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

## Statistical Section

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
County of Essex New Jersey

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**NET POSITION BY COMPONENT**

Last Ten Fiscal Years

(accrual basis of accounting)

(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Governmental activities										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 467,286	\$ 542,989	\$ 462,006	\$ 448,755	\$ 479,292	\$ 509,828	\$ 540,364	\$ 570,900	\$ 601,436	\$ 631,972
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	1,560,705	625,017	(827,984)	(2,096,258)	(2,902,682)	(3,697,462)	(3,636,414)	(4,048,227)	(4,253,240)	(4,137,190)
Total governmental activities net position	<u>\$ 2,027,991</u>	<u>\$ 1,168,006</u>	<u>\$ (365,978)</u>	<u>\$ (1,647,503)</u>	<u>\$ (2,423,390)</u>	<u>\$ (3,187,634)</u>	<u>\$ (3,096,050)</u>	<u>\$ (3,477,327)</u>	<u>\$ (3,651,804)</u>	<u>\$ (3,505,218)</u>
Business-type activities										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	638,038	380,014	363,473	211,173	177,550	117,015	35,723	12,279	-	-
Total business-type activities	<u>\$ 638,038</u>	<u>\$ 380,014</u>	<u>\$ 363,473</u>	<u>\$ 211,173</u>	<u>\$ 177,550</u>	<u>\$ 117,015</u>	<u>\$ 35,723</u>	<u>\$ 12,279</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
School-wide										
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 467,286	\$ 542,989	\$ 462,006	\$ 448,755	\$ 479,292	\$ 509,828	\$ 540,364	\$ 570,900	\$ 601,436	\$ 631,972
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted	2,198,743	1,005,031	(464,511)	(1,885,085)	(2,725,132)	(3,580,447)	(3,600,691)	(4,035,948)	(4,253,240)	(4,137,190)
Total charter school net position	<u>\$ 2,666,029</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,020</u>	<u>\$ (2,505)</u>	<u>\$ (1,436,330)</u>	<u>\$ (2,245,840)</u>	<u>\$ (3,070,619)</u>	<u>\$ (3,060,327)</u>	<u>\$ (3,465,048)</u>	<u>\$ (3,651,804)</u>	<u>\$ (3,505,218)</u>

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
County of Essex New Jersey

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**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
*(accrual basis of accounting)*  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</b>									
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
Governmental activities										
Instruction										
Regular	\$ 4,093,969	\$ 2,944,829	\$ 3,321,210	\$ 3,141,021	\$ 3,190,751	\$ 2,828,170	\$ 2,638,091	\$ 2,408,484	\$ 2,739,659	\$ 3,021,998
Support services:										
School administrative services	4,222,633	3,380,240	3,422,291	2,757,771	2,620,534	2,555,140	2,485,661	2,305,419	2,399,383	2,527,810
General administration	1,973,366	1,655,221	1,925,406	2,369,211	2,235,765	2,346,775	2,127,772	2,703,295	2,262,535	2,233,944
Plant operations and maintenance	166,188	111,872	111,892	122,122	100,394	122,729	117,994	111,151	106,365	115,920
Interest on long term debt	-	-	-	920	3,115	5,575	7,995	11,150	16,440	19,139
Unallocated depreciation	75,703	75,703	55,895	30,536	30,536	30,536	30,536	30,536	30,536	30,536
Total governmental activities expenses	<u>10,531,859</u>	<u>8,167,865</u>	<u>8,836,694</u>	<u>8,421,581</u>	<u>8,181,095</u>	<u>7,888,925</u>	<u>7,408,049</u>	<u>7,570,035</u>	<u>7,554,918</u>	<u>7,949,347</u>
Business-type activities:										
Food service	300,857	322,084	311,899	59,088	180,324	293,363	314,491	330,552	342,075	328,878
Child Care	81,570	124,723	83,309	39,688	107,641	91,904	162,524	97,247	170,103	163,754
Total business-type activities expense	<u>382,427</u>	<u>446,807</u>	<u>395,208</u>	<u>98,776</u>	<u>287,965</u>	<u>385,267</u>	<u>477,015</u>	<u>427,799</u>	<u>512,178</u>	<u>492,632</u>
Total charter school expenses	<u>\$ 10,914,286</u>	<u>\$ 8,614,672</u>	<u>\$ 9,231,902</u>	<u>\$ 8,520,357</u>	<u>\$ 8,469,060</u>	<u>\$ 8,274,192</u>	<u>\$ 7,885,064</u>	<u>\$ 7,997,834</u>	<u>\$ 8,067,096</u>	<u>\$ 8,441,979</u>
<b>Program revenues</b>										
Governmental activities:										
Charges for services:										
Operating grants and contributions	\$ 2,190,416	\$ 1,254,114	\$ 1,284,350	\$ 685,429	\$ 586,623	\$ 481,289	\$ 473,799	\$ 470,902	\$ 470,902	\$ 494,289
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total governmental activities program revenues	<u>2,190,416</u>	<u>1,254,114</u>	<u>1,284,350</u>	<u>685,429</u>	<u>586,623</u>	<u>481,289</u>	<u>473,799</u>	<u>470,902</u>	<u>470,902</u>	<u>494,289</u>
Business-type activities:										
Charges for services										
Food service	-	26,569	-	-	-	-	1,218	2,168	1,663	1,941
Child care	371,710	150,538	175,178	55,366	175,950	202,925	185,968	182,928	205,119	190,644
Operating grants and contributions	268,741	286,241	372,330	77,033	172,550	263,634	268,082	254,982	235,019	263,251
Capital grants and contributions										
Total business type activities program revenues	<u>640,451</u>	<u>463,348</u>	<u>547,508</u>	<u>132,399</u>	<u>348,500</u>	<u>466,559</u>	<u>455,268</u>	<u>440,078</u>	<u>441,801</u>	<u>455,836</u>
Total charter school program revenues	<u>\$ 2,830,867</u>	<u>\$ 1,717,462</u>	<u>\$ 1,831,858</u>	<u>\$ 817,828</u>	<u>\$ 935,123</u>	<u>\$ 947,848</u>	<u>\$ 929,067</u>	<u>\$ 910,980</u>	<u>\$ 912,703</u>	<u>\$ 950,125</u>
<b>Net (expense)/revenue</b>										
Governmental activities	\$ (8,341,443)	\$ (6,913,751)	\$ (7,552,344)	\$ (7,736,152)	\$ (7,594,472)	\$ (7,407,636)	\$ (6,934,250)	\$ (7,099,133)	\$ (7,084,016)	\$ (7,455,058)
Business-type activities	258,024	16,541	152,300	33,623	60,535	81,292	(21,747)	12,279	(70,377)	(36,796)
Total charter school-wide net expense	<u>\$ (8,083,419)</u>	<u>\$ (6,897,210)</u>	<u>\$ (7,400,044)</u>	<u>\$ (7,702,529)</u>	<u>\$ (7,533,937)</u>	<u>\$ (7,326,344)</u>	<u>\$ (6,955,997)</u>	<u>\$ (7,086,854)</u>	<u>\$ (7,154,393)</u>	<u>\$ (7,491,854)</u>

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
County of Essex New Jersey

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**CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
*(accrual basis of accounting)*  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</b>									
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>General revenues and other changes in net position</b>										
Governmental activities:										
Property taxes levied for general purposes, n	\$ 1,045,198	\$ 1,042,853	\$ 870,642	\$ 971,043	\$ 938,604	\$ 983,910	\$ 804,729	\$ 812,754	\$ 796,448	\$ 813,999
Grants and contributions	7,602,218	7,846,859	7,869,872	7,514,518	7,370,472	7,322,510	6,550,004	6,450,581	6,197,291	6,334,163
Miscellaneous income	742,188	8,976	93,355	26,478	49,640	9,632	5,985	10,275	14,068	24,140
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	(45,191)	-	(70,377)	(36,796)
Total governmental activities	<u>9,389,604</u>	<u>8,898,688</u>	<u>8,833,869</u>	<u>8,512,039</u>	<u>8,358,716</u>	<u>8,316,052</u>	<u>7,315,527</u>	<u>7,273,610</u>	<u>6,937,430</u>	<u>7,135,506</u>
Business-type activities:										
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,191	-	70,377	36,796
Total business-type activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,377</u>	<u>36,796</u>
Total charter school-wide	<u>\$ 9,389,604</u>	<u>\$ 8,898,688</u>	<u>\$ 8,833,869</u>	<u>\$ 8,512,039</u>	<u>\$ 8,358,716</u>	<u>\$ 8,316,052</u>	<u>\$ 7,360,718</u>	<u>\$ 7,273,610</u>	<u>\$ 7,007,807</u>	<u>\$ 7,172,302</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>										
Governmental activities	\$ 1,048,161	\$ 1,984,937	\$ 1,281,525	\$ 775,887	\$ 764,244	\$ 908,416	\$ 426,468	\$ 174,477	\$ (76,209)	\$ (282,756)
Business-type activities	258,024	16,541	152,300	33,623	60,535	81,292	(21,747)	12,279	(70,377)	(36,796)
Total charter school	<u>\$ 1,306,185</u>	<u>\$ 2,001,478</u>	<u>\$ 1,433,825</u>	<u>\$ 809,510</u>	<u>\$ 824,779</u>	<u>\$ 989,708</u>	<u>\$ 404,721</u>	<u>\$ 186,756</u>	<u>\$ (146,586)</u>	<u>\$ (319,552)</u>

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
County of Essex New Jersey

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**Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
*(modified accrual basis of accounting)*  
(Unaudited)

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
General Fund										
Unreserved	\$ 5,401,918	\$ 4,667,047	\$ 3,676,441	\$ 2,983,347	\$ 2,243,734	\$ 1,893,206	\$ 1,198,915	\$ 828,891	\$ 80,563	\$ 133,960
Total general fund	<u>\$ 5,401,918</u>	<u>\$ 4,667,047</u>	<u>\$ 3,676,441</u>	<u>\$ 2,983,347</u>	<u>\$ 2,243,734</u>	<u>\$ 1,893,206</u>	<u>\$ 1,198,915</u>	<u>\$ 828,891</u>	<u>\$ 80,563</u>	<u>\$ 133,960</u>
All Other Governmental Funds										
Reserved	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unreserved, reported in:										
Special revenue fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital projects fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Permanent fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all other governmental funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>



**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(Unaudited)**

Function	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Revenues										
Local tax levy	\$ 1,045,198	\$ 1,042,853	\$ 870,642	\$ 971,043	\$ 938,604	\$ 983,910	\$ 804,729	\$ 812,754	\$ 796,448	\$ 813,999
Miscellaneous	742,188	8,976	93,355	26,478	49,640	9,632	5,985	10,275	14,068	24,140
State sources	7,636,541	7,910,792	7,907,400	7,514,518	7,370,472	7,322,510	6,550,004	6,450,581	6,197,291	6,334,163
Federal sources	2,156,093	1,190,181	1,246,822	685,429	586,623	481,289	473,799	470,902	470,902	494,289
Total revenue	<u>11,580,020</u>	<u>10,152,802</u>	<u>10,118,219</u>	<u>9,197,468</u>	<u>8,945,339</u>	<u>8,797,341</u>	<u>7,834,517</u>	<u>7,744,512</u>	<u>7,478,709</u>	<u>7,666,591</u>
Expenditures										
Instruction	4,093,969	2,944,829	3,321,210	3,141,021	3,190,751	2,828,170	2,638,091	2,408,484	2,739,659	3,021,998
Administration	2,362,359	2,626,218	2,442,937	2,391,376	2,616,886	2,533,226	2,116,147	2,112,008	2,159,606	2,355,970
Support Services	4,388,821	3,492,112	3,534,183	2,879,893	2,720,928	2,677,869	2,603,655	2,416,570	2,505,748	2,643,730
Capital Outlay	0	99,037	126,795	45,565	66,243	63,785	61,409	59,122	56,716	54,541
Total expenditures	<u>10,845,149</u>	<u>9,162,196</u>	<u>9,425,125</u>	<u>8,457,855</u>	<u>8,594,808</u>	<u>8,103,050</u>	<u>7,419,302</u>	<u>6,996,184</u>	<u>7,461,729</u>	<u>8,076,239</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ 734,871</u>	<u>\$ 990,606</u>	<u>\$ 693,094</u>	<u>\$ 739,613</u>	<u>\$ 350,531</u>	<u>\$ 694,291</u>	<u>\$ 415,215</u>	<u>\$ 748,328</u>	<u>\$ 16,980</u>	<u>\$ (409,648)</u>

Source: Charter School's Records

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**County of Essex New Jersey**

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**General Fund Other Local Revenue by Source**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(Unaudited)**

Function	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Other local revenues										
Miscellaneous	\$ 742,188	\$ 8,976	\$ 93,355	\$ 26,478	\$ 49,640	\$ 9,632	\$ 5,985	\$ 10,275	\$ 14,068	\$ 24,140
Total other local revenue	<u>\$ 742,188</u>	<u>\$ 8,976</u>	<u>\$ 93,355</u>	<u>\$ 26,478</u>	<u>\$ 49,640</u>	<u>\$ 9,632</u>	<u>\$ 5,985</u>	<u>\$ 10,275</u>	<u>\$ 14,068</u>	<u>\$ 24,140</u>

Source: Charter School's Records

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**County of Essex New Jersey**

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**Ratio of Outstanding Debt By Type**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Governmental Activities				Business-Type Activities	Total Charter School	Percentage of Personal Income *	Per Capita *
	General Obligation Bonds <sup>b</sup>	Certificates of Participation	Capital Leases	Anticipation Notes (BANs)	Capital Leases			
2015	\$ 352,894	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 352,894	0.01%	6
2016	296,178	-	-	-	-	296,178	0.01%	5
2017	237,057	-	-	-	-	237,057	0.01%	4
2018	175,648	-	-	-	-	175,648	0.00%	3
2019	111,863	-	-	-	-	111,863	0.00%	2
2020	45,617	-	-	-	-	45,617	0.00%	1
2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2022	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2023	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-
2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-

**Note:** Details regarding the Charter School's outstanding debt can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**County of Essex New Jersey**

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**Demographic and Economic Statistics**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(Unaudited)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population <sup>a</sup></u>	<u>Personal Income <sup>b</sup></u>	<u>County Per Capita Personal Income <sup>c</sup></u>	<u>Unemployment Rate <sup>d</sup></u>
2015	64,949	\$ 3,898,888,470	\$ 60,030	12.50%
2016	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2017	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2018	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2019	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2020	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2021	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2022	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2023	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%
2024	64,789	3,889,283,670	60,030	7.70%

**Source:**

<sup>a</sup> Population information provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

<sup>b</sup> Personal income has been estimated based upon the municipal population and per capita personal income presented

<sup>c</sup> Personal capital income by municipality estimated based upon the 2020 Census published by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis.

<sup>d</sup> Unemployment data provided by the NJ Dept of Labor and Workforce Development

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**2024**

a Information not available.

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**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
County of Essex New Jersey

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**Full-Time Equivalent Charter School Employees by Function/Program**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(Unaudited)**

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
<u>Function/Program</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Instruction										
Regular	54	54	54	54	54	54	54	63	64	55
Special education	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6
Vocational	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other instruction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Support Services:										
Student & instruction related services	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
General administration	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	9	9
School administrative services	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Other administrative services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Information Technology	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plant operations and maintenance	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	9
Pupil transportation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other support services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>95</u>

**Source:** Charter School Personnel Records

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County of Essex New Jersey

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**Operating Statistics**

**Last Ten Fiscal Years  
(Unaudited)**

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures <sup>a</sup>	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff <sup>b</sup>	Pupil/Teacher Ratio		Average Daily Enrollment (ADE) <sup>c</sup>	Average Daily Attendance (ADA) <sup>c</sup>	% Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
						Kindergarten	Elementary				
2015	490	\$ 8,021,698	\$ 16,371	4.33%	61	1:12	1:12	476.0	454	-4.02%	95.38%
2016	486	7,404,735	15,236	-6.93%	69	1:12	1:12	480.0	464	2.20%	96.67%
2017	482	6,937,062	14,392	-5.54%	68	1:12	1:12	482.0	464	0.00%	96.27%
2018	482	7,357,893	15,265	6.07%	59	1:12	1:12	482.0	464	0.00%	96.27%
2019	491	8,039,265	16,373	7.26%	59	1:12	1:12	489.0	479	3.23%	97.96%
2020	465	8,528,565	18,341	12.02%	59	1:12	1:12	465.0	464	-3.13%	99.78%
2021	471	8,412,290	17,860	-2.62%	59	1:12	1:12	461.0	430	-7.33%	93.28%
2022	454	9,298,330	20,481	14.67%	59	1:12	1:12	461.0	450	4.65%	97.61%
2023	445	9,063,159	20,367	-0.56%	59	1:12	1:12	454.0	429	-4.67%	94.49%
2024	425	10,845,149	25,518	25.29%	59	1:12	1:12	425.0	402	-6.28%	94.60%

**Sources:** Charter School records

**Note:** Enrollment based on annual June Charter School count.

a Operating expenditures esual total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.

b Teaching staff includes only full-time esuivalents of certificated staff.

c Average daily enrollment and average daily attter

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**School Building Information**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
					<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>				
Square Feet	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500	#####
Capacity (students)	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Enrollment	425	445	454	471	471	471	482	491	482	482

**Source:** School Records



**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**Schedule of Required Maintenance Expenditures**  
**By School Facility**  
**Last Ten Fiscal Years**  
**(Unaudited)**

2015	\$ 987,395
2016	894,593
2017	855,207
2018	911,798
2019	931,144
2020	1,020,483
2021	955,413
2022	394,257
2023	394,257
2024	1,097,152
Total	<u>\$ 8,441,699</u>

\* School facilities as defined under EFCFA.  
(N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and N.J.A.C. 6A:26A-1.3)

Source: Charter School records

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**Insurance Schedule**

**June 30, 2024**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<u><b>Coverage</b></u>
Commercial property and general liability:	
<b>Property:</b>	
Building and Contents	\$ 3,936,000
Electronic Data Processing	1,055,000
Boiler & Machinery	100,000,000
<b>Crime Coverage:</b>	
Blanket Faithful Performance	25,000
Money & Securities	5,000
Money Orders/Counterfeit	5,000
Depositors' Forgery	25,000
Bond Board Secretary	168,000
Bond Board Treasurer	168,000
<b>Comprehensive General Liability:</b>	
Single Limit for Bodily Injury/Property Damage	5,000,000
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate	5,000,000
Annual Aggregate for Child Molestations/Sexual Abuse	17,000,000
Each Occurrence for Personal Injury/Advert Injury	5,000,000
Each Claim for Employee Benefits Liability	5,000,000
Premise Medical Payments Per Person	1,000
Premise Medical Payments Per Accident	10,000
Automobile Liability	5,000,000
Supplemental Indemnity - 7-day waiting period	Statutory
<b>School Leaders Errors &amp; Omissions:</b>	
Coverage A - Limit of Liability	1,000,000
Coverage A - Deductible	5,000
Coverage B - Limit of Liability	100,000
Coverage B - Each Policy Period	300,000
Coverage B - Deductible	300,000
<b>Workman's Compensation</b>	
(Each Accident, Each Employee, Policy Limit)	1,000,000
Student Accident - Gold Plan	1,000,000

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators**  
**New Term Indicators**

**June 30, 2024**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Cash	\$ 5,399,802	\$ 5,219,880	\$ 3,130,918
Current assets	2,038,599	1,337,711	1,553,502
Capital assets, net	467,286	542,989	519,655
Total assets	<u>7,905,687</u>	<u>7,100,580</u>	<u>5,204,075</u>
Current liabilities	1,223,794	898,346	719,506
Long term liabilities	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>1,223,794</u>	<u>898,346</u>	<u>719,506</u>
Net position	<u>\$ 6,681,893</u>	<u>\$ 6,202,234</u>	<u>\$ 4,484,569</u>
Total revenue	\$ 12,220,471	\$ 10,616,150	\$ 10,665,727
Total expenses	<u>(11,090,317)</u>	<u>(9,090,984)</u>	<u>(9,231,902)</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 1,130,154</u>	<u>\$ 1,525,166</u>	<u>\$ 1,433,825</u>
Depreciation expense	\$ 75,703	\$ 75,703	\$ 55,895
Interest expense	-	-	-
Principal payments	-	-	-
Interest payments	-	-	-
Final average daily enrollment	425	454	450
March 30th budgeted enrollment	500	500	500

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Three Year Cumulative</b>
<b>NEAR TERM INDICATORS:</b>				
Current ratio	6.08	7.30	6.51	19.89
Unrestricted days cash	177.72	209.58	123.79	511.08
Enrollment variance	85%	91%	90%	89%
Default	No	No	No	No

Source: Charter School Records

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators**  
**Sustainability Indicators**

**June 30, 2024**  
**(Unaudited)**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
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Change in net position	<u>\$ 1,130,154</u>	<u>\$ 1,525,166</u>	<u>\$ 1,433,825</u>
Depreciation expense	\$ 75,703	\$ 75,703	\$ 55,895
Interest expense	-	-	-
Principal payments	-	-	-
Interest payments	-	-	-
Final average daily enrollment	425	461	450
March 30th budgeted enrollment	500	500	500

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Three Year Cumulative</u>
<b>SUSTAINABILITY INDICATORS:</b>				
Total margin	9.2%	14.4%	13.4%	12.2%
Debt to asset	-	-	-	0.14
Cash flow	\$ 179,922	\$ 2,088,962	\$ 1,581,126	\$ 3,850,010
Debt service coverage ratio	N/A	N/A	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

Source: Charter School Records

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## **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***

The Honorable Chairperson and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
East Orange Community Charter School  
County of Essex  
East Orange, New Jersey

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 *and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Orange Community Charter School, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey ("the Charter School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon, dated January 31, 2025.

### **Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

Our consideration of internal control 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 Charter 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 and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*.

### **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 Charter School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey* in considering the Charter School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA*

January 31, 2025  
Newark, New Jersey

OLUGBENGA OLABINTAN  
Certified Public Accountant/Consultant

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## **Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance and *State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB***

The Honorable Chairperson and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
East Orange Community Charter School  
County of Essex,  
East Orange, New Jersey

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal and State Program**

#### **Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program**

We have audited the East Orange Community Charter School in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey ("the Charter School") compliance with the types of requirements described in the OMB Compliance Supplements and *State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Charter School's major federal and state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Charter School's major federal and state programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

#### **Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal and State Program**

We conducted our audit of compliance 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; audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and audit requirements of New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid.



Those standards, the Uniform Guidance, State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal or state program occurred. Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Charter School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal and state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Charter School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Charter School's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08 will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omission, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Charter School's compliance with the requirements of each major federal and state program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, U.S. Uniform Guidance, and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Charter School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Charter School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

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

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of U.S. Uniform Guidance, State of New Jersey Department of Treasury Circular 15-08-OMB and *audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Olugbenga Olabintan, CPA*

January 31, 2025  
Newark, New Jersey

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EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grant/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing No.	Federal Award Identification Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2023	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2023	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2023	Adjustments	Carryover (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Years' Balances	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2024	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2024	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2024
<b>Special Revenue Fund:</b>															
<b>U.S. Department of Education, Pass-Through Programs</b>															
<b>Passed Through New Jersey Department of Education</b>															
Title I Part A - FY 2023-2024	84.010A	S010A230030	7/1/23-9/30/24	\$ 282,876	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (39,545)	\$ -	\$ 185,895	\$ (165,582)	\$ -	\$ (19,232)	\$ -	\$ -
Title I SIA - FY 2023-2024	84.010A	S010A230030	7/1/23-9/30/24	38,865		-	-		-	38,865	(38,865)	-	-	-	-
Title I Part A - FY 2022-2023	84.010A	S010A220030	7/1/22-9/30/23	305,538	(22,819)	-	-	39,545	-	68,969	(85,695)	-	-	-	-
Title I SIA - FY 2022-2023	84.010A	S010A220030	7/1/22-9/30/23	67,696	(10,154)	-	-	-	-	10,154	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Assistance Listing # 84.101A</b>					<u>(32,973)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,883</u>	<u>(290,142)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Title II A - FY 2023-2024	84.367A	S367A230029	7/1/23-9/30/24	25,577	-	-	-	-	-	19,827	(5,230)	-	-	14,597	-
Title II A - FY 2022-2023	84.367A	S367A220029	7/1/22-9/30/23	35,018	(11,274)	-	-	(6,500)	-	22,719	(4,945)	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Assistance Listing # 84.367A</b>					<u>(11,274)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,546</u>	<u>(10,175)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,597</u>	<u>-</u>
Title IV A - FY 2023-2024	84.424A	S424A220031	7/1/23-9/30/24	38,434	-	-	-	-	-	16,249	(22,325)	-	(6,076)	-	-
Title IV A - FY 2022-2023	84.424A	S424A220031	7/1/22-9/30/23	23,500	-	-	-	-	-	5,124	(5,124)	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Assistance Listing # 84.424A</b>					<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,373</u>	<u>(27,449)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,076)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
IDEA Part B - FY 2023-2024	84.027A	H027A230100	7/1/23-9/30/24	116,095	-	-	-	-	-	43,292	(116,095)	-	(72,803)	-	-
IDEA Part B - FY 2022-2023	84.027A	H027A220100	7/1/22-9/30/23	113,735	(60,725)	-	-	-	-	60,725	-	-	-	-	-
IDEA Preschool - FY 2022-2023	84.027A	H027A220100	7/1/22-9/30/23	3,423	(3,423)	-	-	-	-	3,423	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Special Education Cluster</b>					<u>(64,148)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,440</u>	<u>(116,095)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(72,803)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
CRRSA-ESSER II	84.425D	S425D210027	3/13/20-9/30/23	1,033,466	(130,857)	-	-	1	-	284,138	(153,282)	-	-	-	-
CRRSA-Learning Acceleration	84.425D	S425D210027	3/13/20-9/30/23	66,323	-	-	-	-	-	66,323	(66,323)	-	-	-	-
ARP ESSER III	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	2,322,649	(82,933)	-	-	-	-	634,140	(1,370,385)	-	(819,178)	-	-
ARP ESSER III - Accelerated Learning Coaching and	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	62,317	-	-	-	-	-	62,317	(62,317)	-	-	-	-
ARP ESSER III - Evidenced Based Summer Learning	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,246)	-	(1,246)	-	-
ARP ESSER III - Evidence-Based Comprehensive Be	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	40,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13,679)	-	(13,679)	-	-
ARP ESSER III - NJTSS Mental Health Support Staff	84.425U	S425U210027	3/13/20-9/30/24	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(45,000)	-	(45,000)	-	-
<b>Subtotal - Elementary and Secondary School Education Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds</b>					<u>(213,790)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,046,918</u>	<u>(1,712,232)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(879,103)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total for U.S. Department of Education, Pass-Through Programs</b>					<u>(322,185)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,522,160</u>	<u>(2,156,093)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(977,214)</u>	<u>14,597</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Special Revenue</b>					<u>(322,185)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,522,160</u>	<u>(2,156,093)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(977,214)</u>	<u>14,597</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Enterprise Fund:</b>															
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>															
<b>Passed-Through New Jersey Dept of Agriculture</b>															
National school lunch program	10.555	241NJ304N1199	7/1/23-6/30/24	160,557	-	-	-	-	-	147,970	(160,557)	-	(12,587)	-	-
National school lunch program	10.555	231NJ304N1199	7/1/22-6/30/23	184,644	(36,638)	-	-	-	-	36,638	-	-	-	-	-
Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act	10.555	241NJ304N1199	7/1/23-6/30/24	3,968	-	-	-	-	-	3,672	(3,968)	-	(296)	-	-
National school lunch program	10.555	231NJ304N1199	7/1/22-6/30/23	(4,473)	(845)	-	-	-	-	845	-	-	-	-	-
School Programs Emergency Operational Costs															
Reimbursement Program	10.555	241NJ304N1199	7/1/23-6/30/24	15,671	-	-	-	-	-	15,671	(15,671)	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal Assistance Listing # 10.555</b>					<u>(37,483)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,796</u>	<u>(180,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,883)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
School Breakfast Program	10.553	241NJ304N1199	7/1/23-6/30/24	77,904	-	-	-	-	-	71,381	(77,904)	-	(6,523)	-	-
School Breakfast Program	10.553	231NJ304N1199	7/1/22-6/30/23	85,422	(16,058)	-	-	-	-	16,058	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal Assistance Listing # 10.553</b>					<u>(16,058)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,439</u>	<u>(77,904)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,523)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Enterprise Fund/U.S. Department of Agriculture/Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>					<u>(53,541)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>292,235</u>	<u>(258,100)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,406)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>					<u>\$ (375,726)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (6,499)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,814,395</u>	<u>\$ (2,414,193)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (996,620)</u>	<u>\$ 14,597</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance

Year ended June 30, 2024

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Grant Period	Award Amount	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2023	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2023	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2023	Adjustments	Carryover (Walkover) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Repayment of Prior Years' Balances	(Accounts Receivable) at June 30, 2024	Deferred Revenue at June 30, 2024	Due to Grantor at June 30, 2024
<b>State Department of Education</b>														
<b>General Fund:</b>														
Equalization Aid	24-495-034-5120-078	7/1/23-6/30/24	\$ 6,475,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,811,914	\$ (6,475,777)	-	\$ (304,317)	\$ -	\$ 31,820
Equalization Aid	22-495-034-5120-078	7/1/22-6/30/23	6,218,962	(445,957)	-	386,879	-	-	445,957	-	(386,879)	-	-	-
Special Education Aid	24-495-034-5120-089	7/1/23-6/30/24	185,844	-	-	-	-	-	185,844	(185,844)	-	-	-	-
Security Aid	24-495-034-5120-084	7/1/23-6/30/24	204,336	-	-	-	-	-	204,336	(204,336)	-	-	-	-
State Adjustment Aid	24-495-034-5120-085	7/1/23-6/30/24	806,989	-	-	-	-	-	806,989	(806,989)	-	-	-	-
TPAF/FICA Reimbursements	24-495-034-5094-003	7/1/23-6/30/24	133,474	-	-	-	-	-	122,526	(133,474)	-	(10,948)	-	-
TPAF/FICA Reimbursements	22-495-034-5094-003	7/1/22-6/30/23	140,959	(34,857)	-	-	-	-	34,857	-	-	-	-	-
TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution	24-495-034-5094-001	7/1/23-6/30/24	179,852	-	-	-	-	-	179,852	(179,852)	-	-	-	-
TPAF Pension Contribution - Normal & NCGI	24-495-034-5094-002	7/1/23-6/30/24	660,823	-	-	-	-	-	660,823	(660,823)	-	-	-	-
TPAF Pension Contribution - Long-Term Disability Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	7/1/23-6/30/24	321	-	-	-	-	-	321	(321)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total General Fund/State Department of Education</b>				<u>(480,814)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>386,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,453,419</u>	<u>(8,647,416)</u>	<u>(386,879)</u>	<u>(315,265)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,820</u>
<b>Special Revenue Fund:</b>														
Charter & Renaissance School Project Emergent and Capital Maintenance Funds	24-495-034-5120-071	7/1/23-6/30/24	130,127	-	-	-	-	23,813	130,127	(28,856)	-	-	125,084	-
Charter & Renaissance School Project Emergent and Capital Maintenance Funds	23-495-034-5120-071	7/1/22-6/30/23	68,246	-	23,813	-	-	(23,813)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Preschool and Charter Security Grant	Not Available	07/1/22-9/30/23		(19,500)	-	-	-	-	24,967	(5,467)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>				<u>(19,500)</u>	<u>23,813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>155,094</u>	<u>(34,323)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,084</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total New Jersey State Department of Education</b>														
				<u>(500,314)</u>	<u>23,813</u>	<u>386,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,608,513</u>	<u>(8,681,739)</u>	<u>(386,879)</u>	<u>(315,265)</u>	<u>125,084</u>	<u>31,820</u>
<b>State Department of Agriculture</b>														
<b>Enterprise Fund:</b>														
State school lunch program	24-100-010-3350-023	7/1/23-6/30/24	5,862	-	-	-	-	-	5,393	(5,862)	-	(469)	-	-
State school lunch program - NJEIE	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	6,625	-	-	-	-	-	1,048	(1,140)	-	(92)	-	-
State school lunch program	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	6,625	(1,331)	-	-	-	-	1,331	-	-	-	-	-
State school breakfast program	24-100-010-3350-023	7/1/23-6/30/24	1,450	-	-	-	-	-	1,314	(1,450)	-	(136)	-	-
State school breakfast program	23-100-010-3350-023	7/1/22-6/30/23	5,077	(1,537)	-	-	-	-	1,537	-	-	-	-	-
State school breakfast program - after bell	24-100-010-3350-023	7/1/23-6/30/24	1,585	-	-	-	-	-	1,466	(1,585)	-	(119)	-	-
State school breakfast program - NJEIE	24-100-010-3350-023	7/1/23-6/30/24	604	-	-	-	-	-	550	(604)	-	(54)	-	-
<b>Total Enterprise Fund/State Department of Agriculture</b>				<u>(2,868)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,639</u>	<u>(10,641)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(870)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total State Financial Assistance</b>				<u>\$ (503,182)</u>	<u>\$ 23,813</u>	<u>\$ 386,879</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,621,152</u>	<u>(8,692,380)</u>	<u>\$ (386,879)</u>	<u>\$ (316,135)</u>	<u>\$ 125,084</u>	<u>\$ 31,820</u>
<b>Less Amounts Not Subject to Single Audit:</b>														
TPAF Post Retirement Medical Contribution										179,852				
TPAF Pension Contribution - Normal & NCGI										660,823				
TPAF Pension Contribution - Long-Term Disability Insurance										321				
<b>Total Expenditures of State Financial Assistance Subject to Single Audit</b>										<u>\$ (7,851,384)</u>				

The accompanying Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Awards and Financial Assistance are an integral part of this schedule.

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**(County of Essex)**  
**Notes to Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**1. General**

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance present the activity of all expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance of the Charter School. All federal and state awards received directly from federal and state agencies, as well as federal awards and state financial assistance passed through other government agencies is included on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

**2. Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the enterprise fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These bases of accounting are described in Note 1 to the Charter School's basic financial statements. The information in these schedules is presented in accordance with the requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) and the provisions of New Jersey Department of the Treasury Circular Letter 15-08 OMB, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. Therefore, some amounts presented in the schedules may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

**3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements**

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with amounts reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements and schedules (RSI) are presented for the general fund and special revenue fund to demonstrate finance-related legal compliance in which certain revenue is permitted by law or grant agreement to be recognized in the fiscal year, whereas for GAAP reporting, revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or expenditures have been made. The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis. The special revenue fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the grant accounting budgetary basis, which recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to GAAP basis is \$-0- for the general fund and \$-0- for the special revenue fund. See Note 1 (the Notes to Required Supplementary Information) for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds (C-3).

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**3. Relationship to Basic Financial Statements - *continued***

Federal awards and state financial assistance revenues are reported in the Charter School's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as follows:

	<b>Federal</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Total</b>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 8,647,416	\$ 8,647,416
Special Revenue Fund	2,156,093	34,323	2,190,416
Enterprise Fund	258,100	10,641	268,741
Total	<u>\$ 2,414,193</u>	<u>\$ 8,692,380</u>	<u>\$ 11,106,573</u>

**4. Relationship to Federal and State Financial Reports**

Amounts reported in the accompanying schedules agree with the amounts reported in the related federal and state financial reports.

**5. Other Information**

TPAF Social Security contribution in the amount of \$133,474 represents the amount reimbursed by the State for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The amount reported as TPAF pension representing on-behalf employer's portion of the Pension System Contributions, Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and Long-Term Disability Insurance Premium Contributions in the amount of \$840,996 represents the amount paid by the State on behalf of the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

**6. On Behalf Programs Not Subject to State Single Audit**

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension and Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions are not subject to a State single audit and, therefore, are excluded from major program determination. The Schedule of State Financial Assistance provides a reconciliation of State financial assistance reported in the Charter School's financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

**7. De Minimis Indirect Cost**

The Charter School has not elected to use the ten percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
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**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**Part I - Summary of Auditors' Results**

**Financial Statements Section**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

Significant deficiencies identified? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

**Federal Awards:**

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

Internal control over major programs:

Material weaknesses identified? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

Significant deficiencies identified? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ None reported

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes ☒ No

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>FAIN Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.425D	S425D210027	Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act (CRRSA) ESSER II
84.425U	S425U210027	American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III

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

Auditee qualifies as low-risk auditee? ☒ yes \_\_\_\_\_ No



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**Part I Summary of Auditors' Results**

**State Financial Assistance Section**

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

Auditee qualifies as low-risk auditee? ☒ yes ☐ No

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

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Significant deficiency(cies) identified that are not  
 Considered to be material weaknesses? ☐ Yes ☒ None reported

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported  
 in accordance with NJ OMB Circulars 15-08 as applicable? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Identification of Major Programs:

<u>State Grant/Program Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of State Program or Cluster</u>
24-495-034-5120-078	Equalization Aid
24-495-034-5120-089	Special Education Aid
24-495-034-5120-084	Security Aid
24-495-034-5120-085	State Adjustment Aid

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
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Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**Part II – Schedule of Financial Statement Findings**

NONE

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**Part III –Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Cost**

NONE

**Part III – State Financial Assistance Findings and Questioned Cost**

NONE

**EAST ORANGE COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL  
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Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
Year Ended June 30, 2024**

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**There were no findings in the prior year ended June 30, 2023.**