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***OF***

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For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024***

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***INTRODUCTORY SECTION***



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December 17, 2024

Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Pace Charter School of Hamilton  
County of Mercer  
Hamilton, New Jersey 08610

Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report “ACFR” of Pace Charter School of Hamilton (“Charter School”) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This ACFR includes the Charter School’s Basic Financial Statement prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34.

The Charter School has elected to adopt this financial reporting model which we believe will provide all users of this document with much more useful financial and statistical information than ever before. Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data and completeness and fairness of the presentation, including all disclosures, rests with the management of the Board of Trustees (Board).

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data presented in this report is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Charter School. This report will provide the taxpayers of Pace Charter School of Hamilton with comprehensive financial data in a format enabling them to gain an understanding of the Charter School’s financial affairs.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is presented in four sections as follows:

- The Introductory Section contains a Letter of Transmittal, List of Principal Officials, and an Organizational Chart of the Charter School;
- The Financial Section begins with the Independent Auditors’ Report and includes the Management’s Discussion and Analysis, the Basic Financial Statements and Notes providing an overview of the Charter School’s financial position and operating results, and other schedules providing detailed budgetary information;
- The Statistical Section includes selected economic and demographic information, financial trends, and the fiscal capacity of the Charter School, generally presented on a multi-year basis;
- The Single Audit Section — The Charter School is required to undergo an annual single audit in conformity with the provisions of the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; the audit 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 audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and New Jersey Circular 15-08 OMB. Information related to this single audit, including the independent auditor's report on the internal control and compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grants, along with findings and questioned costs, are included in the single audit section of this report.

## Charter School Organization

An elected five member Board of Education (the "Board") serves as the policy maker for the Charter School. The Board adopts an annual budget and directly approves all expenditures which serve as the basis for control over and authorization for all expenditures of Charter School tax money.

The Head of School is the chief executive officer of the Charter School, responsible to the Board for total educational and support operations. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is the chief financial officer of the Charter School, responsible to the Board for maintaining all financial records, issuing warrants in payment of liabilities incurred by the Charter School, acting as custodian of all Charter School funds, and investing idle funds as permitted by New Jersey law.

**1. REPORTING ENTITY AND ITS SERVICES:** Pace Charter School of Hamilton is an independent reporting entity within the criteria adopted by the Government Auditing Standards Board (GASB) as established by Statement No. 14, as amended. All funds of the Charter School are included in this report. Pace Charter School of Hamilton Board of Trustees constitutes the Charter School's reporting entity.

Pace Charter School of Hamilton provides a full range of services appropriate to Kindergarten–Grade 5. These services include regular, as well as special education and basic skills instruction. The Charter School completed the 2023-2024 school year with an enrollment of 245 students. The following details the student enrollment of the Charter School.

<u>Average Daily Enrollment</u>		
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
2023-2024	452	2.73%
2022-2023	440	-0.06%
2021-2022	440	5.26%
2020-2021	418	10.70%

**2. ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK:** Hamilton continues to experience a period of development and expansion that is expected to continue through the Twenty-First Century. The increasing number of businesses within the community results in an increase in the employment level which results in an increased tax base, both residential and industrial. This expansion is expected to continue which suggests Hamilton will continue to prosper.

**INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROLS:** Management of the Charter School is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure that 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 Internal control structure 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;
- (2) the valuation of costs and benefits requires estimates and judgments by management.

As a recipient of federal and state financial assistance, the Board of Trustees also is responsible for ensuring that an adequate internal control structure is in place to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations related to those programs. The internal control structure 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 internal control structure, including that portion related to federal and state financial assistance programs, as well as to determine that the Charter School has complied with applicable laws and regulations.

**3. 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 legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund and the special revenue fund. 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 cancelled or are included as reappropriations of fund balance in the subsequent year. Those amounts to be reappropriated are reported as assignments of fund balance at June 30, 2024.

**4. CASH MANAGEMENT:** The investment policy of the Charter School is guided in large part by state statute as detailed in "Notes to Basic Financial Statement" Note 2. The Charter School has adopted a cash management plan which requires it to deposit funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"). GUDPA was enacted in 1970 to protect Government Units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. The law requires governmental units to deposit public funds only in public depositories located in New Jersey, where the funds are secured in accordance with the Act.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT:** The Board carries various forms of insurance, including but not limited to general liability, directors and officers insurance and workmen's compensation.

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

**Independent Audit** - State statutes require an annual audit by independent certified public accountants or registered municipal accountants. The accounting firm of Barre & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants, was selected by the Board of Trustees. In addition to meeting the requirement set forth in State statutes, the audit also was designed to meet the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance") and the State of New Jersey Circular Letter of 15-08 OMB, Single Audit for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid". The auditor's report on the basic financial statements and specified required supplemental information is included in the Financial Section of this report. The auditor's report related specifically to the single audit is included in the Single Audit Section of this report.

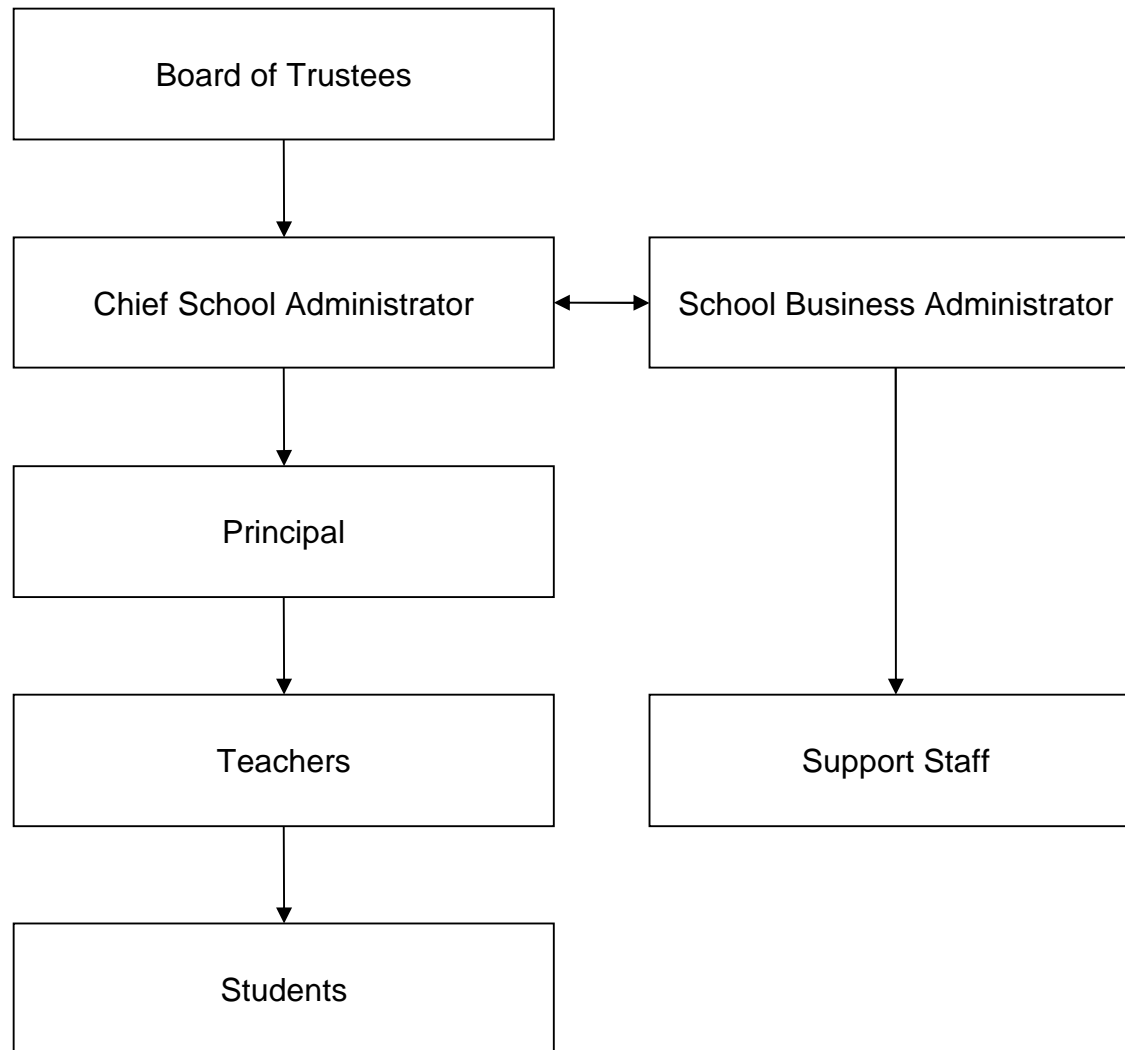
**6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** We would like to express our appreciation to the members of Pace Charter School of Hamilton Board of Trustees for their concerns in providing fiscal accountability to the stakeholders of the charter school and thereby contributing their full support to the development and maintenance of our financial operation. The preparation of this report could not have been accomplished without the efficient and dedicated services of our business office staff.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah A. Pontoriero', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Deborah A. Pontoriero  
Chief School Administrator

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY**

**ROSTER OF OFFICIALS  
JUNE 30, 2024**

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Pace Charter School of Hamilton  
County of Mercer  
Hamilton, New Jersey

**Report on the Financial Statements**

***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Pace Charter School of Hamilton ("Charter School"), in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the Pace Charter School of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in the financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Pace Charter School of Hamilton 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.

## ***Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements***

The Charter School's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS 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 GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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, following this report, and pension and post-employment benefit schedules in Exhibits L-1 through L-3, and M-1, and the related notes be presented to supplement the basic financial statements and budgetary comparison information in Exhibits C-1 through C-3. Such information, 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 response 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 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 introductory section, combining statements and related major fund supporting statements and schedules, and statistical section, and schedule of expenditure of federal awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis, as required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedules of expenditures of state financial assistance, as required by State of New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, is also presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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 statements and related major fund supporting statements and schedules and schedule 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 and statistical sections 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.


***Other Information (Continued)***

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 basic 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 and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2024 on our consideration of the Pace Charter School of Hamilton's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey in considering the Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

  
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Licensed Public School Accountant  
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December 17, 2024

***REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART I***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
UNAUDITED**

The discussion and analysis of Pace Charter School of Hamilton's financial performance provides an overall review of the Charter School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the Charter School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the Charter School's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of Required Supplementary Information specified in the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 — *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued in June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year (2023-2024) and the prior year (2022-2023) is required to be presented in the MD&A.

**Financial Highlights**

Key financial highlights for 2024 are as follows:

- ❖ General revenues accounted for \$10,396,451 in revenue or 96% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and operating grants and contributions accounted for \$447,715 or 4% of total revenues of \$10,844,166.
- ❖ The Charter School had \$9,426,970 in expenses; only \$447,715 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants or contributions. General revenues of \$10,396,451 were adequate to provide for these programs.
- ❖ Among governmental funds, the General Fund had \$9,065,069 in revenues and \$7,726,419 in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance increased by \$1,338,650 over 2023. This increase was anticipated by the Board of Trustees.

**Using this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Pace Charter School of Hamilton as a financial whole, an entire operating entity. The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The *Statement of Net Position* and *Statement of Activities* provide information about the activities of the whole Charter School, presenting both an aggregate view of the Charter School's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. Fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental funds, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements also look at the Charter School's most significant funds. In the case of Pace Charter School of Hamilton, the General Fund is by far the most significant fund.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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(CONTINUED)**

**Reporting the Charter School as a Whole**

**Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities**

While this document contains the large number of funds 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 ask the question, "How did we do financially during 2024?" The *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities* answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting similar to the accounting used by most private-sector businesses. This basis of accounting takes into account all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Charter School's net position and changes in that position. This change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the Charter School as a whole, the financial position of the Charter School have improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial and some not. Non-financial factors include current laws in New Jersey restricting revenue growth, facility condition, required educational programs and other factors.

In the *Statement of Net Position* and the *Statement of Activities*, the Charter School is divided into two distinct kinds of activities:

- ❖ Governmental activities — All of the Charter School's programs and services are reported here including instruction, administration, support services, and capital outlay.
- ❖ Business-Type Activity — These services are provided on a charge for goods or services basis to recover all the expenses of the goods or services provided. The Food Service 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 funds. The Charter School uses many funds to account for a multitude of financial transactions. The Charter School's governmental funds are the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund.

**Governmental Funds**

The Charter School's activities are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in the Future years. 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

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(CONTINUED)**

**Governmental Funds (Continued)**

cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Charter School's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer 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 governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

**Proprietary Fund**

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

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Charter School-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 35 of this report.

**The Charter School as a Whole**

Recall that the *Statement of Net Position* provides the perspective of the Charter School as a whole. Net Position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position.

The Charter School's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities.

The Charter School's combined net position (deficit) was \$3,164,852 on June 30, 2024 and \$1,747,656 on June 30, 2023.

**Governmental Activities**

The Charter School's total revenues were \$10,535,550 for the year ended June 30, 2024 and \$9,093,845 for 2023, this includes \$1,357,347 for 2024 and \$1,256,891 for 2023 of state reimbursed TPAF social security and pension contributions.

The total cost of all program and services was \$9,088,598 for 2024 and \$8,197,622 for 2023. Instruction comprises \$4,831,463 for 2024 and \$4,933,098 for 2023 of Charter School expenses.



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HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**Governmental Activities (Continued)**

The *Statement of Activities* shows the cost of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Instruction expenses include activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and student, including extracurricular activities.

Administration includes expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the Charter School.

Support services include the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching to students, including curriculum and staff development and the costs associated with operating the facility.

Capital Outlay represents instructional and/or non-instructional equipment purchased and capitalized when such equipment is over the \$2,000 threshold.

**Business-Type Activity**

Revenues for the Charter School's business-type activity (food service program) are comprised of charges for services and federal and state reimbursements.

- ❖ Food service revenues exceeded expenses by \$29,756 for 2024 and by \$208,151 for 2023.
- ❖ Charges for services represent \$4,650 for 2024 and \$4,649 for 2023 of revenue. This represents amounts paid by patrons for daily food.
- ❖ Federal and state reimbursements for meals, including payments for free and reduced lunches and breakfast, were \$303,949 for 2024 and \$292,523 for 2023.

**The Charter School's Funds**

All governmental funds (i.e., general fund and special revenue fund presented in the fund-based statements) are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Total revenues amounted to \$10,535,550 for 2024 and \$9,093,845 for 2023 and expenditures were \$8,542,095 for 2024 and \$8,197,622 for 2023. The net change in fund balance for the year was most significant in the general fund, an increase of \$1,993,455.

As demonstrated by the various statements and schedules included on 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 revenues of the governmental funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the amounts and percentages of increases and decreases in relation to prior year amounts.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024  
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**The Charter School's Funds (Continued)**

Revenues	Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2023	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Local Sources	\$ 4,683,373	47.40%	\$ 692,372	17.35%
State Sources	4,513,206	45.68%	355,291	8.54%
Federal Sources	684,166	6.92%	(60,216)	-8.09%
Other Financing Sources	-	0.00%	(200,547)	-100.00%
Total	<u>\$ 9,880,745</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 786,900</u>	

The following schedule represents a summary of the expenditures of the governmental funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the amounts and percentages of increases in relation to prior year amounts.

Expenditures	Amount	Percent of Total	Increase/ (Decrease) From 2023	Percent of Increase/ (Decrease)
Instruction	\$ 3,278,644	38.39%	\$ 104,164	3.28%
Administration	3,784,497	44.30%	147,938	4.07%
Support Services	1,478,954	17.31%	178,775	13.75%
Capital Outlay	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Total	<u>\$ 8,542,095</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 430,877</u>	

Changes in expenditures were the results of varying factors.

**General Fund Budgeting Highlights**

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.

Over the course of the year, the Charter School revised the annual operating budget several times. Revisions in the budget were made to recognize revenues that were not anticipated and to prevent over-expenditures in specific line item accounts.

**For the Future**

Pace Charter School of Hamilton is in good financial condition presently. The Charter School is proud of its community support. A major concern is the continued enrollment growth of the Charter School with the increased reliance on federal and state funding.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
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**For the Future (Continued)**

In conclusion, Pace Charter School of Hamilton has committed itself to financial excellence for many years. In addition, the Charter School's system for financial planning, budgeting, and internal financial controls are well regarded. The Charter School plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenge of the future.

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

This financial report is designed to provide our stakeholders with a general overview of the Charter School's finances and to show the Charter School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Mr. Paul DeWitt, School Business Administrator at Pace Charter School of Hamilton, 52 Lafayette Ave, Hamilton, New Jersey 08610. Please visit our website at <http://www.pacecharterschool.com/>.

***BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

## **SECTION A – CHARTER SCHOOL-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Charter School. These statements include the financial activities of the overall Charter School, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Charter School.*

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 191,525	\$ 5,265	\$ 196,790
Restricted	3,526,592		3,526,592
Internal Balances			-
Receivables, Net	712,008	12,130	724,138
Security Deposit	40,790		40,790
Right of Use Asset, Net of Amortization	1,444,626		1,444,626
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,915,541</b>	<b>17,395</b>	<b>5,932,936</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Pensions	414,249		414,249
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>414,249</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>414,249</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
Payable to State Government	46,317		46,317
Accounts Payable	19,566		19,566
Other Current Liabilities			-
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	457,852		457,852
Due Beyond One Year	1,192,930		1,192,930
Pension	1,372,965		1,372,965
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,089,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,089,630</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Pensions	92,703		92,703
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>92,703</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,703</b>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>			
Restricted for:			
Other Purposes	314,156		314,156
Unrestricted (Deficit)	2,833,301	17,395	2,850,696
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 3,147,457</b>	<b>\$ 17,395</b>	<b>\$ 3,164,852</b>

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The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Statement of Activities  
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Indirect Expenses Allocation	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Position		
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:</b>								
Instruction	\$ 3,430,761	\$ 1,400,702	\$ -	\$ 139,116	\$ -	\$ (4,692,347)	\$ -	\$ (4,692,347)
Administration	2,186,463	707,331				(2,893,794)		(2,893,794)
Support Services	500,528	83,693				(584,221)		(584,221)
Interest on Long Term Debt	126,278					(126,278)		(126,278)
Unallocated Amortization and Depreciation	652,842					(652,842)		(652,842)
Total Governmental Activities	6,896,872	\$ 2,191,726	\$ -	\$ 139,116	\$ -	(8,949,482)	\$ -	(8,949,482)
<b>BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES:</b>								
Food Service	338,372		4,650	303,949			(29,773)	(29,773)
Total Business-Type Activities	338,372		4,650	303,949	-	-	(29,773)	(29,773)
Total Government	\$ 7,235,244		\$ 4,650	\$ 443,065	\$ -	\$ (8,949,482)	\$ (29,773)	\$ (8,979,255)
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>								
General Purposes						\$ 4,622,877	\$ -	\$ 4,622,877
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted						5,713,061		5,713,061
Investment Earnings						58,074	17	58,091
Miscellaneous Income						2,422		2,422
Transfers						-		-
Total General Revenues						10,396,434	17	10,396,451
Change in Net Position						1,446,952	(29,756)	1,417,196
Net Position - Beginning of Year						1,700,505	47,151	1,747,656
Net Position - Ending						\$ 3,147,457	\$ 17,395	\$ 3,164,852

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

## ***SECTION B – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

***The Individual Fund statements and schedules present more detailed information for the individual fund in a format that segregates information by fund type.***



***GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

Governmental Funds  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	355,527	\$ -	\$ 355,527
Cash Restricted	75,077		75,077
Invested	3,287,513		3,287,513
Interfund Receivables	227,089		227,089
Receivables from Other Governments	484,919	227,089	712,008
Prepaid Expenses			
Security Deposit	40,790		40,790
Other Receivables			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,470,915</b>	<b>\$ 227,089</b>	<b>\$ 4,698,004</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>			
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Interfund Payables	\$ -	\$ 227,089	\$ 227,089
Payables to State Government	46,317		46,317
Payables to Federal Government			
Accounts Payable	19,566		19,566
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>65,883</b>	<b>227,089</b>	<b>292,972</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>			
<b>Restricted For:</b>			
Charter School Escrow Reserve	75,077		75,077
Maintenance Reserve	89,079		89,079
Emergency Reserve	150,000		150,000
<b>Unassigned:</b>			
General Fund	4,090,876		4,090,876
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>4,405,032</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,405,032</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 4,470,915</b>	<b>\$ 227,089</b>	

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

Right of use leased assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds The cost of the assets is \$3,632,594 and the accumulated depreciation is \$2,187,968.	1,444,626
Long-term liabilities used in governmental activities are not financial uses and therefore are not reported in the funds Long-term debt included as net position from lease liabilities	(1,650,782)
Net pension liability of \$1,372,965 ,deferred inflows of resources of \$92,703 less deferred outflows of resources of \$414,249 related to pensions are not reported in the governmental funds	(1,051,419)
<b>Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 3,147,457</b>

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
 Governmental Funds  
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total
REVENUES:			
Local Sources:			
Local Tax Levy	\$ 4,622,877	\$ -	\$ 4,622,877
Interest on Investments	58,074		58,074
Miscellaneous	2,422		2,422
Total Local Sources	4,683,373	-	4,683,373
Intermediate Sources			-
State Sources	4,381,696	131,510	4,513,206
Federal Sources		684,166	684,166
Total Revenues	9,065,069	815,676	9,880,745
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	2,798,431	480,213	3,278,644
Administration	3,784,497		3,784,497
Support Services	1,143,491	335,463	1,478,954
Total Expenditures	7,726,419	815,676	8,542,095
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	1,338,650	-	1,338,650
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,338,650	-	1,338,650
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1	3,066,382	-	3,066,382
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30	\$ 4,405,032	\$ -	\$ 4,405,032

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Activities  
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (from B-2)	\$ 1,338,650
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement  
of activities (A-2) which are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, on the statement of activities, the cost of those assets which are capitalized are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current fiscal year.

Capital Outlay	-	
Amortization	(652,842)	
Depreciation Expense	-	(652,842)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items:

New long-term debt issued	-	
Principal payment on long-term debt		652,302
Increase in accrued interest payable		

Pension costs associated with the PERS pension plan are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures in the year the school pension contribution is paid. However, on the statement of activities, the net difference between the current and prior year net pension liability is recognized.

108,842

Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 1,446,952</u></u>
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The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are integral part of this statement.

***PROPRIETARY FUNDS***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Proprietary Fund  
Statement of Fund Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	Business Type- Activities
	<u>Food Service</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,265
Intergovernmental Accounts Receivable:	
Federal	11,016
State	<u>1,114</u>
Total Assets	<u>17,395</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Interfund Accounts Payable	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>	
Unrestricted	<u>17,395</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 17,395</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Proprietary Fund  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
For the Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2024

	Business Type - Enterprise Fund		
	Food Service Program		
	School Nutrition	Fixed Price Contract	Total Enterprise
OPERATING REVENUES:			
Charges for Services:			
Daily Sales - Reimbursable Program	\$ 4,650	\$ -	\$ 4,650
Daily Sales Non-reimbursable Program	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenues	4,650	-	4,650
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Salaries	95,084		95,084
Benefits	7,274		7,274
Supplies and Materials	897		897
Cost of Sales- Reimbursable	235,117		235,117
Miscellaneous Expenses			
Total Operating Expenses	338,372	-	338,372
OPERATING LOSS	(333,722)	-	(333,722)
NONOPERATING REVENUES:			
Interest Earned	17		17
State Source:			
State School Breakfast Program	7,127		7,127
State School Lunch Program	19,311		19,311
Federal Source:			
National School Breakfast Program	58,932		58,932
National School Lunch Program	198,098		198,098
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	20,481		20,481
Total Nonoperating Revenues	303,966	-	303,966
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(29,756)	-	(29,756)
TOTAL NET POSITION, JULY 1	47,151	-	47,151
TOTAL NET POSITION, JUNE 30	\$ 17,395	\$ -	\$ 17,395

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Proprietary Fund  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Business Type- Activities <u>Food Service</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 5,636
Cash Payments to Suppliers and Employees	<u>(342,000)</u>
Net Cash Used For Operating Activities	<u>(336,364)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Cash Received From State And Federal Reimbursements	<u>303,949</u>
Net Cash Provided By Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>303,949</u>
Net Increase In Cash And Cash Equivalents	(32,398)
Cash And Cash Equivalents, Beginning Of Year	<u>37,663</u>
Cash And Cash Equivalents, End Of Year	<u><u>\$ 5,265</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used For Operating Activities:</b>	
Operating Loss Used for Operating Activities	\$ (333,722)
Change In Assets And Liabilities:	
Decrease In Due From Other Funds	
Increase In Receivables From Other Governments	986
Increase In Interfund Payable	<u>(3,628)</u>
Net Cash Used For Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (336,364)</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.



***FIDUCIARY FUNDS***

***NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Board of Education (Board) of Pace Charter School of Hamilton have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The GASB is the accounting standard-setting body responsible for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Board's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Charter School is an instrument of the State of New Jersey, established to function as an educational institution. Its mission is to establish a charter school to serve as a neighborhood resource and as a model for other similar schools. Pace Charter School of Hamilton 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.

The primary criterion for including activities within the Charter School's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the Charter School management. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, and ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The financial statements include all funds of the Charter School.

**B. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting**

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

**Basis of Presentation**

*Charter School-Wide 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 overall Charter School, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activity of the Charter School. Governmental activities generally are financed through intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental and business-type activity of the Charter School at fiscal year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the business-type activity of the Charter School and for each function of the Charter School's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) 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. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function or business segment is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Charter School.

*Fund Financial Statements:* During the fiscal year, 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. The fund financial statements provide information about the Charter School's funds. Separate statements for each fund category — *governmental*, and *proprietary* — are presented. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has elected to require New Jersey Charter Schools to treat each governmental fund as a major fund in accordance with the option noted in GASB No. 34, paragraph 76. The NJDOE believes that the presentation of all funds as major is important for public interest and to promote consistency among Charter School financial reporting models.

The Charter School reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund: The general fund is the general operating fund of the Charter School and is used to account for all expendable financial resources except those 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.

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the Charter School includes 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

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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 grounds, 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 are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund: Not Applicable.

Debt Service Fund: Not Applicable.

The Charter School reports the following proprietary funds:

Enterprise (Food Service) Fund: The enterprise fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to the cafeteria operations. The food service fund is utilized to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The stated intent is that the cost (i.e. expenses including depreciation and indirect costs) of providing goods or services to the students on a continuing basis are financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

Additionally, the Charter School reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary, Trust and Agency Fund Types: In January 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 84 – Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local government, including New Jersey school districts and their charter schools. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, or FY2020-2021. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)**

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

(2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. After considering the criteria and guidance, it was determined that Payroll, Payroll Agency, and Unemployment Compensation Insurance (Fund 60), previously reported as fiduciary funds, that such activities are more appropriately reported in a general fund (Fund 10).

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements.

*Charter School - wide, Proprietary, and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements:* The financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting; the enterprise fund and fiduciary funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of unearned revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures. The Charter School is entitled to receive monies under the established payment schedule and the unpaid amount is considered to be an "accounts receivable". Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements:* Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**C. Budgets/Budgetary Control**

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each year for the general and special revenue funds. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting except for special revenue funds. 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. All budget amendments/transfers must be approved by School Board resolution. All budget amounts presented in the accompanying supplementary information reflect the original budget and the amended budget (which have been adjusted for legally authorized revisions of the annual budgets during the year).

Appropriations, except remaining project appropriations, encumbrances, and unexpended grant appropriations, lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The capital projects fund presents the remaining project appropriations compared to current year expenditures.

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year. For governmental funds, there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) with the exception of the special revenue fund as noted below. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund 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 recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

The following presents a reconciliation of the special revenue funds from the budgetary basis of accounting to the GAAP basis of accounting:

Total Revenues & Expenditures (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 815,676
Adjustments:	
Less Encumbrances at June 30, 2024	-
Plus Encumbrances at June 30, 2023	-
Total Revenues and Expenditures (GAAP Basis)	<u>\$ 815,676</u>

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**D. Encumbrances Accounting**

Under encumbrance accounting purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of resources are recorded to reserve a portion of the applicable appropriation. Open encumbrances in governmental funds, other than the special revenue fund, are reported as assignments of fund balances at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund for which the Charter School has received advances are reflected in the balance sheet as unearned revenues at fiscal year end. The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

**E. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity**

Interfund Transactions:

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the Charter School - wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other Interfund Transactions (Continued)

financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues/expenses in the enterprise fund. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

Inventories:

Inventory purchases, other than those recorded in the enterprise fund, are recorded as expenditures during the year of purchase. Enterprise fund inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method.

Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts:

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded as all amounts are considered collectible.



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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

Capital Assets:

The Charter School has established a formal system of accounting for its capital assets. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value on the date received. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. The Charter School does not possess any infrastructure. The capitalization threshold used by Charter Schools in the State of New Jersey is \$2,000.

All reported capital assets except for land are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method under the half-year convention over the following estimated useful lives:

<u><b>Asset Class</b></u>	<u><b>Estimated Useful Lives</b></u>
Office & Computer Equipment	10-15
Instructional Equipment	10
Grounds Equipment	15

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets are not capitalized and related depreciation is not reported in the fund financial statements.

Right of Use Assets

The Charter School has recorded right to use lease assets as a result of implementing GASB 87. The right to use assets are initially measured at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability plus any lease payments made prior to the lease term, less lease incentives, and plus ancillary charges necessary to place the lease into service. The right to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the related lease.

Unearned Revenue:

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlement received before the eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as unearned revenue.

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the Charter School - 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.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations:

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported on the Charter School – 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.

Net Position:

Net position represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position for net invested in capital assets, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through restrictions adopted by the Charter School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Charter School's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

Fund Balance Reserves:

The Charter School reserves those portions of fund balance which are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available expendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unassigned fund balance indicates that portion which is available for appropriation in future periods. A fund balance assignment has been established for encumbrances.

Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the Charter School, available means within sixty days of the fiscal year end.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

Revenues — Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions: (Continued)

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Charter School receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements, and donations. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Charter School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Charter School on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end: interest and tuition.

Operating Revenues and Expenses:

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the primary activity of the enterprise fund. For the Charter School, these revenues are sales for food service. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the service that is the primary activity of the enterprise fund.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses:

The Charter School reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses are allocated to functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Employee benefits, including the employer's share of social security, workers compensation, and medical and dental benefits, were allocated based on salaries of that program. Depreciation expense, where practicable, is specifically identified by function and is included in the indirect expense column of the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense that could not be attributed to a specific function is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities. Interest on long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Extraordinary and Special Items:

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events that are within the control of management and are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence. Neither of these types of transactions occurred during the fiscal year.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (Continued)**

Management Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accrued Salaries and Wages:

Certain Charter School employees who provide services to the Charter School over the ten-month academic year have the option to have their salaries evenly disbursed during the entire twelve-month year. New Jersey statutes require that these earned but undisbursed amounts be retained in a separate bank account.

**F. Pensions**

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 pension of the State of New Jersey Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the State of New Jersey Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and additions to/deductions from the PERS's and TPAF's net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the PERS and the TPAF. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Pension Plan investments are reported at fair value.

**G. Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles**

During fiscal years 2022 through 2023, the District adopted the following GASB statements as required:

**The Charter School has adopted the following as of June 30, 2023:**

GASB No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), is effective with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by (a) establishing uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs; (b) improving the comparability of financial statements among governments that have entered into SBITAs; and (c) enhancing the understandability, reliability, relevance, and consistency of information about SBITAs.

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**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles (Continued)**

As of June 30, 2023, the entity's SBITAs were all 12 months or less and so the entity was exempt from reporting under this pronouncement.

The Charter School will evaluate the impact each of the pronouncements below may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material:

- GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, effective for the year ending June 30, 2024.
- GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, effective for the year ending June 30, 2025.

**NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents includes amounts in deposits, money market accounts and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less. GASB Statement No. 40 requires disclosure of the level of custodial credit risk assumed by the Board in its cash, cash equivalents and investments.

Category 1 includes deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered deposits/investments held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent in the Board's name. Category 3 includes uninsured or unregistered deposits/investments held by a broker or dealer, or held by the Board's custodial bank trust department or agent but not in the Board's name. These categories are not broad representations that deposits or investments are "safe" or "unsafe".

**Deposits**

New Jersey statutes require that charter school's deposit public funds in public depositories located in New Jersey which 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.

New Jersey statutes require public depositories to maintain collateral for deposits of public funds that exceed depository insurance limits as follows:

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**NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Deposits (Continued)**

The market value of the collateral must equal at least five percent of the average daily balance of collected public 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.

**Investments**

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

- a. Bonds or other obligations of the United States or obligations guaranteed by the United States.
- b. 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.
- c. Bonds or other obligations of the charter school.

The Charter School had no investments. As of June 30, 2024, cash and cash equivalents of the Charter School consisted of the following:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Proprietary Fund	Total
Operating Account	3,718,117	\$ -	\$ 5,265	\$ 3,723,382

The investments recorded in the statements have been recorded at amortized cost. In accordance with GASB 31, participating interest earning investment contracts that have a remaining maturity at the time of purchase of one year or less may be reported at amortized cost. For those securities purchased more than one year from the maturity date, the difference between the carrying amount and market value is not material to the Charter school-wide statements. The carrying amount of the Board's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2024 was \$3,723,382 and the bank balance was \$3,910,806. All bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance and/or covered by a collateral pool maintained by the banks as required by New Jersey statutes.

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**NOTE 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Risk Category**

All bank deposits, as of the balance sheet date, are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act. In general, bank deposits are classified as to credit risk by three categories described below:

Category 1 — Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Board or by its agent in the Board's name

Category 2 — Collateralized with securities held by the pledging public depository's trust department or agent in the Board'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 Board's name.

As of June 30, 2024, the Board had funds invested and on deposit in checking accounts. These funds constitute "deposits with financial institutions" as defined by GASB Statement No. 40 and are classified as Category 1, both at year-end and throughout the year.

**New Jersey Cash Management Fund**

All investments in the Fund are governed by the regulations of the Investment Council, which prescribe specific standards designed to insure the quality of investments and to minimize the risks related to investments. In all the years of the Division of Investment's existence, the Division has never suffered a default of principal or interest on any short-term security held by it due to the bankruptcy of a securities issuer; nevertheless, the possibility always exists, and for this reason a reserve is being accumulated as additional protection for the "Other-than-State" participants. In addition to the Council regulations, the Division sets further standards for specific investments and monitors the credit of all eligible securities issuers on a regular basis.

As of June 30, 2024, the Charter School had no funds on deposit with the New Jersey Cash Management Fund.

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**NOTE 3:     RECEIVABLES**

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

	Governmental Funds			Proprietary Fund			
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Activities	Food Service Fund	Total Business Type Activities	Fiduciary Funds	Total
State Aid	\$ 483,807	\$ -	\$ 483,807	\$ 1,114	\$ 1,114		\$ 484,921
Federal Aid	-	227,089	227,089	11,016	11,016		238,105
Other	1,112	-	1,112	-	-		1,112
Gross Receivables	484,919	227,089	712,008	12,130	12,130		724,138
Less: Allowance for Uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	-		-
Total Receivables, Net	\$ 484,919	\$ 227,089	\$ 712,008	\$ 12,130	\$ 12,130		\$ 724,138

**NOTE 4:     INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND BALANCES**

Transfers between funds are used to repay expenses paid by another fund.

The following interfund balances remained on the fund financial statements at June 30, 2024:

Fund	Interfund Receivable	Interfund Payable
General Fund	\$ 227,089	\$ -
Special Revenue Fund		227,089
Total	\$ 227,089	\$ 227,089

**NOTE 5:     CAPITAL ASSETS**

The entity has no capital assets as of June 30, 2024.

**NOTE 6:     RENTAL LEASE**

The Charter School has recorded two right to use leased assets. The assets are right to use assets for leased equipment and leased school facility. The related leases are discussed in the Leases subsection of the Liabilities section of this note. The right to use lease assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related leases. Right to use asset activity for the Primary Government for the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:



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**NOTE 6: RENTAL LEASE (CONTINUED)**

Leased Assets	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance
<b>Leased Assets Being Amortized</b>				
Leased - Real Estate Expense	3,632,594	-	-	3,632,594
<b>Total Leased Assets Being Amortized</b>	<b>3,632,594</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,632,594</b>
<b>Less: Accumulated Amortization</b>				
Leased - Real Estate Expense	(1,535,126)	(652,842)	-	(2,187,968)
<b>Total Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>(1,535,126)</b>	<b>(652,842)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,187,968)</b>
<b>Total, Net of Accumulated Amortization</b>	<b>2,097,468</b>	<b>(652,842)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,444,626</b>

The school has entered into a ten (10) year lease commencing July 1, 2008 and expiring June 30, 2018 with a related party to lease classroom and office space at 1949 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey. The lease has since been extended for an additional five years at \$132,000 per annum. The lease is a triple net lease by which the tenant is responsible for real estate taxes, utilities, and all items of maintenance. Total lease payments made during the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$132,000.

**NOTE 7: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The school has entered into a ten (10) year lease commencing July 1, 2008 and expiring June 30, 2018 with a related party to lease classroom and office space at 1949 Hamilton Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey. The lease has since been extended for an additional five years. The lease is a triple net lease by which the tenant is responsible for real estate taxes, utilities, and all items of maintenance.

On May 21, 2014, the school entered into a five (5) year lease commencing September 1, 2014 and expiring August 30, 2019 to lease classroom and office space at 3500 South Broad Street, Hamilton, New Jersey. The lease has since been extended for an additional five years.

The school entered into a ten (10) year lease commencing June 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2028 to lease classroom and office space at 528 South Olden Avenue, Hamilton, New Jersey.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

Maturity Analysis	Principal	Interest	Total
<b>07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024</b>	652,303	126,277	778,580
<b>07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025</b>	457,853	89,591	547,444
<b>07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026</b>	439,326	61,890	501,216
<b>07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027</b>	115,639	43,812	159,451
<b>07/01/2027 - 06/30/2032</b>	522,428	124,929	647,357
<b>07/01/2032 - 06/30/2037</b>	115,536	3,146	118,682
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,303,085</b>	<b>449,646</b>	<b>2,752,731</b>

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**NOTE 7: LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)**

Long-term Debt Rollforward

	Balance July 01, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2024	Due Within One Year
<b><i>Governmental Activities:</i></b>					
Lease Liabilities	2,303,085		(652,303)	\$ 1,650,782	457,852
Net Pension Liability	1,378,717		(5,752)	1,372,965	-
Governmental Activity long-term liability	\$ 3,681,802	\$ -	\$ (658,055)	\$ 3,023,747	\$ 457,852

**NOTE 8: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD AND RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

In June of 2017, the GASB issued Statement no. 87, Leases. GASB Statement No. 87 requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. Under this statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of GASB Statement No. 87 were effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The School adopted GASB Statement No. 87 effective July 1, 2021. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 87 required retrospective application to prior periods resulting in the restatement of net position and fund balance as of the beginning of the year.

**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS**

Substantially all the Board's employees participate in one of the two, defined benefit public employee systems: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) or the Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) of New Jersey. In addition, certain employees may participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP).

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

**Plan Description**

The State of New Jersey, Public Employees; Retirement System (PERS) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of New Jersey, Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the PERS, please refer to the Division's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/annrpts.shtml).

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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

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

**Benefits Provided**

The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of PERS. The following represents the membership tiers for PERS:

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>
<b>1</b>	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
<b>2</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
<b>3</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008, 2010 and prior to May 22, 2010
<b>4</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
<b>5</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to tier 5 members upon 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a members retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier.

Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 50 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

**Basis of Presentation**

The schedule of employer allocations and the schedule of pension amounts by employer (collectively, the Schedules) present amounts that are considered elements of the financial statements of PERS or its participating employers. Accordingly, they do not purport to be a complete presentation of the financial position or changes in financial position of PERS or the participating employers. The accompanying Schedules were prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Such preparation requires management of PERS to make a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reported amounts. Due to the inherent nature of these estimates, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

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

**Allocation Methodology and Reconciliation to Financial Statements**

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers in PERS to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows of resources and collective pension expense. The employer allocation percentages presented in the schedule of employer allocations and applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer are based on the ratio of the contributions of an individual employer to the total contributions to PERS during the measurement period July 01, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes, therefore amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer may result in immaterial differences.

Although the Division administers one cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, separate (sub) actuarial valuations are prepared to determine the actuarially determined contribution rate by group. Following this method, the measurement of the collective net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense are determined separately for each individual employer of the State and local groups of the plan.

To facilitate the separate (sub) actuarial valuations, the Division maintains separate accounts to identify additions, deductions, and fiduciary net position applicable to each group. The allocation percentages presented for each group in the schedule of employer allocations are applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer. The allocation percentages for each group as of June 30, 2023 measurement period are based on the ratio of each employer's contributions to total employer contributions of the group for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

**Contributions**

The contribution policy for PERS is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The state's pension contributions is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2023 measurement period, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

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

**Contributions (Continued)**

The local employers' contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined rate, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 provided an option for local employers of PERS to contribute 50% of the normal and accrued liability contribution amounts certified for payments due in State fiscal year 2009. Such employers will be credited with the full payment amounts certified for payments due not be included in their unfunded liability will be paid by the employer in level annual payments over a period of 15 years beginning with the payments due in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 and will be adjusted by the rate of return on the actuarial value of assets. The Charter School contributions to PERS amounted to \$ 132,227 for fiscal year 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Charter School reported a liability of \$ \$1,432,986 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2024. The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 measurement date, the Charter School's proportion was 0.0098933261%, which was a decrease of -0.00079566% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 3,148	\$ 86,845
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	13,701	5,858
Changes in Proportion	373,300	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual		
Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	6,599	-
	<u>\$ 396,748</u>	<u>\$ 92,703</u>

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

**Pension Liabilities Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)**

*Changes in Proportion*

The previous amounts do not include employer specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. These amounts should be recognized (amortized) by each employer over the average of the expected remaining service lives of all plan members, which is 5.08, 5.13, 5.16, 5.21, 5.63, 5.48, 5.57, 5.72, and 6.44 years for the 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2014 amounts, respectively.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows resources (excluding employer specific amounts including changes in proportion) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2024	\$ 332,150.89
2025	185,394
2026	(259,076)
2027	46,364
2028	(789)
	<u>\$ 304,045</u>

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability for the June 30, 2023 measurement date was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023. This actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement.

Inflation Rate	
Price	2.75%
Wage	3.25%
Salary Increases:	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

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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) (Continued)**  
**Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

General Below-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table with a 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. 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-2022.

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**

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 future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investments expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing 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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return
US Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. 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 Assets	3.00%	8.40%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
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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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (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, 2024. 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 and the nonemployer contributing entity 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 all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to all projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

The following presents the Charter School's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed below, as well as what the Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

Measurement Date June 30, 2023			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,881,171	\$ 1,445,068	\$ 1,073,886

Measurement Date June 30, 2022			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,778,794	\$ 1,384,591	\$ 1,049,109

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial statements.



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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

**B. Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF)**

**Pension Description**

The State of New Jersey, Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation, by which the State of New Jersey (the State) is responsible fund 100% of the employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. The TPAF is administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the Division). For additional information about the TPAF, please refer to the Division's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) which can be found at [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/an\\_nrpts.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/an_nrpts.shtml).

**Benefit Provided**

The vesting and benefit provision are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. TPAF provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of TPAF. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested of 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, member's beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the member's accounts. The following represents the membership tiers for TPAF:

<b>Tier</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>
<b>1</b>	Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
<b>2</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
<b>3</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008, 2010 and prior to May 22, 2010
<b>4</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after May 22, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
<b>5</b>	Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of  $1/55^{\text{th}}$  of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to Tier 3 members upon reaching 62. Service retirement benefits of  $1/60^{\text{th}}$  of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to Tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and to Tier 5 members upon 65. Early retirement benefits are available to Tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, to Tiers 3 and 4 before age 62 with 25 or more years of service credit and Tier 5 with 30 more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age of which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective Tier. Deferred retirements is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective Tier.

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**Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)**

**Allocation Methodology**

GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, requires participating employers in TPAF to recognize their proportionate share of the collective net pension liability, collective deferred outflows of resources, collective deferred inflows in resources and collective pension expense excluding that attributable to employer-paid member contributions. The employer and non-employer allocation percentages presented in the schedule of employer and non-employer allocations and applied to amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and non-employer are based on the ratio of the State's actual contributions made as an employer and non-employer adjusted for unpaid early retirement incentives to total contributions to TPAF during the year ended June 30, 2021 measurement date. Employer and non-employer allocation percentages have been rounded for presentation purposes, therefore amounts presented in the schedule of pension amounts by employer and non-employer may result in immaterial differences.

The contribution policy for TPAF is set by N.J.S.A 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing members. State legislation has modified the amount that is contributed by the State. The State's pension contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount which included the employer portion of the normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded accrued liability. Funding for noncontributory group insurance benefits is based on actual claims paid. For fiscal year 2023 measurement date, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

**Special Funding Situation**

The Employer contributions for local participating employers are legally required to be funded by the State in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18:66-33. Therefore, these local participating employers are 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 local participating employers do 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 local participating employers, such as the Charter School. However, the notes to the financial statements of the local participating employers must disclose the portion of the non-employer contributing entities' total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the local participating employer was less than the actuarial determined amount.

This note discloses the portion of the Charter School's total proportionate share of the net pension liability that is associated with the Charter School. During the fiscal year ended 2024, the State of New Jersey contributed \$ 108,844 to the TPAF for normal pension benefits on behalf of the Charter School, which is less than the contractually required contribution of \$ 837,714 .

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**Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)**

**Special Funding Situation (Continued)**

As June 30, 2023, the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Charter School was \$ 10,260,286 . The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 01, 2022 which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023.

The Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Charter School's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, Charter School's proportion was 0.021053278%, which was an increase of 0.0038647% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

Charter School's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Charter School	<u>10,260,286</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,260,286</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the State recognized pension expense on behalf of the Charter School in the amount of \$ 837,714 and the Charter School recognized pension expense and revenue for that same amount in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 financial statements.

The State reported collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in Assumptions	\$ 1,278,925,078	\$ 14,657,999,241
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	658,340,412	83,374,071
Changes in Proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	88,832,162	88,832,161
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	<u>476,283,186</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 2,502,380,838</u>	<u>\$ 14,830,205,473</u>

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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

**Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)**

**Special Funding Situation (Continued)**

The \$ 2,502,380,838 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from changes in assumptions will be amortized over a period of 8.5 years. The \$ 14,830,205,473 reported as a deferred inflow of resources resulting from the difference between projected and actual.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Total
2024	\$ (3,918,676,894)
2025	(3,446,016,070)
2026	(1,604,289,401)
2027	(1,742,641,843)
2028	(1,672,806,952)
Thereafter	56,606,524
	<u>(12,327,824,636)</u>

**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%
Wages	3.25%
Salary Increases:	
	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

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**NOTE 9: PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)**

**Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)**

improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis. 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-2022.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 01, 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**

In accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on pension 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 Pension 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expecting inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Equity	28.00%	8.98%
Non-U.S. 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 Assets	3.00%	8.40%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.58%
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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**Teacher's Pension Annuity Fund (TPAF) (Continued)**

**Discount Rate – TPAF**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2024. 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.

Measurement Date June 30, 2023			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 12,688,373	\$ 10,760,322	\$ 9,136,446
Measurement Date June 30, 2022			
	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Charter School's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 10,414,883	\$ 8,882,469	\$ 7,591,602

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – TPAF**

Detailed information about the TPAF's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TPAF financial statements.

**C. Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP)**

Prudential Financial jointly administers the DCRP investments with the NJ Division of Pensions and Benefits. If an employee is ineligible to enroll in the PERS or TPAF, the employee may be eligible to enroll in the DCRP, which is a defined contribution on plan. DCRP provides eligible members with a tax-sheltered, defined contribution retirement benefit, along with life insurance and disability coverage. Vesting is immediate upon enrollment for members of the DCRP.

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 of the DCRP. The financial reports may be obtained by writing to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits, PO Box 295, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295. The contribution policy is set by the New Jersey Statutes and, in most retirement systems, contributions are required by active members and contributing employers. Plan member and employer contributions may be amended by the State of New Jersey regulation. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially

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**Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) (Continued)**

determined rate. Employee contributions are based on percentages of 5.50% for DCRP of employees' annual compensation, as defined. The expanded under the provisions of Chapter 89, P.L. 2008. Employee contributions for DCRP are matched by a 3% employer contribution.

The actuarially determined employer contribution includes funding for cost-of-living adjustments and noncontributory death benefits, and post-retirement medical premiums.

For DCRP, the Charter School recognized no pension expense related to DCRP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

**NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan**

**Plan Description and Benefits Provided**

The school is in a "special funding situation, as described in GASB Statement No. 75 in that OPEB contributions and expense are legally required to be made by and are the sole responsibility of the State of New Jersey.

The State of New Jersey reports a liability as a result of its statutory requirements to pay other postemployment (health) benefits for State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees 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 No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The State Health Benefit 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,

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**NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Continued)

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 or more years 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 are the responsibility of the individual local education employers.

Employees covered by benefit terms:

At June 30, 2023 the OPEB plan's measurement date, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active plan member						217,212
Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits						152,383
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments						-
Total						369,595

Total Non-employer OPEB Liability

The total non-employer OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2022, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2023.

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:

Inflation Rate	2.50%			
		<b>TPAF/ABP</b>	<b>PERS</b>	<b>PFRS</b>
Salary Increases				
Through 2026		2.75% to 4.25%	2.75% to 6.55%	3.25% to 16.25%
		based on service	based on service	based on service
		years	years	years



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**NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Continued)

Preretirement mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Healthy "Teachers" (TPAF/ABP), "General" (PERS), and "Safety" (PFRS) classification headcount-weighted mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using Scale MP-2024. 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-2024. 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-2024.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2015- June 30, 2018, July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2018, and July 1, 2013- June 30, 2018 for TPAF, PERS and PFRS, respectively.

Health Care Trend Assumptions

For pre-Medicare medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.6% and decreases to a 4.5% long-term trend rate after seven years. For post-65 medical benefits, the actual fully-insured Medicare Advantage trend rates for fiscal year 2022 through 2023 are reflected. For PPO the trend is initially 5.74% in fiscal year 2024, increasing to 12.93% in fiscal year 2025 and decreases to 4.5% after 11 years. For HMO the trend is initially 6.01% in fiscal year 2024, increasing to 15.23% in fiscal year 2025 and decreases to 4.5% after 11 years. The assumed post-65 medical trend is 4.5% for all future years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 6.75% and decreases to a 4.5% longterm trend rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%.

Discount rate

The discount rate for the June 30, 2023 measurement date 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.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

Changes in the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability

The table below summarizes the State's proportionate share of the change in the total non-employer OPEB liability associated with the Charter School for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 4,476,262
Service cost	520,950
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	175,215
Effect on Changes of Benefit Terms	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(75,327)
Effect of Changes of Assumptions	10,028
Effect of Changes of Proportion	
Contributions - Employee	4,490
Gross Benefits Paid by the State	(136,583)
Net Changes	498,773
Balance at June 30, 2024	4,975,035

Sensitivity of Total Non-employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the total non-employer OPEB liability measured as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the discount rate as disclosed above as well as what the total non-employer OPEB 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:

	Measurement Date Ended June 30, 2023		
	At 1% Decrease (2.65%)	At current discount rate (3.65%)	At 1% Increase (4.65%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 5,832,374	\$ 4,975,035	\$ 4,286,691

Sensitivity of Total Non-employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Trend Rate:

The following presents the total non-employer OPEB liability measured as of June 30, 2023 calculated using the healthcare trend rate as disclosed above as well as what the total non-employer OPEB liability would be if it was calculated using a healthcare trend rate that is 1- percentage point lower or 1-percentage point higher than the current rate:

	Measurement Date Ended June 30, 2023		
	At 1% decrease	Trend Rate	At 1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 4,130,046	\$ 4,975,035	\$ 6,080,705

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 10: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)**

**General Information about the OPEB Plan (Continued)**

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 \$ 654,805 in the government-wide financial statements for the State's proportionate share of the OPEB Plan's OPEB expenses, associated with the Charter School. This expense and revenue was based on the OPEB Plan's June 30, 2023 measurement date.

In accordance with GASB Statement 75, as the Charter School's proportionate share of the OPEB liability is \$ 654,805 , there is no recognition of the allocation of the proportionate share of the deferred inflows and outflows of resources. At the measurement date of June 30, 2023 the State had deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows Of Resources	Deferred Inflows Of Resources
Difference between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 725,871.88	\$ (1,310,375)
Net Difference between Expected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	-	-
Assumption Changes	\$ 707,456	(1,372,932)
Sub Total	1,433,328	(2,683,306)
Contributions Made in Fiscal Year 2022 after Measurement Date June 30, 2021	N/A	N/A
Total	1,433,328	(2,683,306)

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

Measurement Period Ending June 30	
2023	\$ (248,100)
2024	\$ (248,100)
2025	\$ (215,634)
2026	\$ (127,130)
2027	\$ (26,022)
Total Thereafter	\$ (384,992)
	\$ (1,249,978)

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOTE 11: 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, student accident, and surety bonds. A complete schedule of insurance coverage can be found in the Statistical Section of this Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

**NOTE 12: FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED**

**General Fund**

The General Fund balance of 4,405,032 in the fund financial statements at June 30, 2024 is unassigned.

**NOTE 13: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 17, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

***REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART II***

***SECTION C – BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
General Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Local Levy Budget:					
"Local Levy" Local Share-Charter School Aid	\$ 4,570,214	52,663	\$ 4,622,877	\$ 4,622,877	\$ -
Total Local Levy Budget	4,570,214	52,663	4,622,877	4,622,877	-
State Sources					
Categorical Aid:					
"Local Levy" State Share-Charter School Aid	2,594,005	64,649	2,658,654	2,658,654	-
Special Education Aid	155,086	(15,970)	139,116	139,116	-
Security Aid	209,991	16,588	226,579	226,579	-
Total Categorical Aid	2,959,082	65,267	3,024,349	3,024,349	-
Revenues From Other Sources:					
Interest Income				58,074	58,074
Miscellaneous Revenue				2,422	2,422
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				890,845	890,845
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				242,456	242,456
On-Behalf TPAF Long Term Disability Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				705	705
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				223,341	223,341
Total Revenues From Other Sources	-	-	-	1,417,843	1,417,843
Total Revenues	7,529,296	117,930	7,647,226	9,065,069	1,417,843
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Instruction:					
Salaries of Teachers	2,585,000	(120,000)	2,465,000	2,047,459	417,541
Other Salaries for Instruction	528,000		528,000	465,480	62,520
Purchased Prof/Tech Services	50,400		50,400	44,433	5,967
Other Purchased Services	69,000		69,000	55,189	13,811
General Supplies	126,000	3,000	129,000	113,007	15,993
Textbooks	47,250	1,618	48,868	48,868	-
Miscellaneous	15,000	10,000	25,000	23,995	1,005
Total Instruction	3,420,650	(105,382)	3,315,268	2,798,431	516,837
Administration:					
Salaries - General Administration	968,521	128,765	1,097,286	1,003,455	93,831
Salaries of Secretarial/Clerical Assistants	365,320	(77,173)	288,147	265,536	22,611
Total Benefits Cost	950,000		950,000	834,379	115,621
Purchases Prof/Tech Services	160,500	(18,000)	142,500	128,436	14,064
Other Purchased Services	127,500	66,180	193,680	161,324	32,356
Communications/Telephone	28,000	1	28,001	25,467	2,534
Supplies and Materials	26,250	(6,181)	20,069	8,268	11,801
Miscellaneous Expenses	10,000		10,000	285	9,715
Total Administration	2,636,091	93,592	2,729,683	2,427,150	302,533

See Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this report for explanation of significant budget variances, original and final.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
General Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual Favorable (Unfavorable)
(Continued from Prior Page)					
Support Services:					
Salaries	\$ 148,360	\$ 1,790	\$ 150,150	\$ 150,150	\$ -
Rental of Land and Buildings	892,500	(50,000)	842,500	6,974	835,526
Debt Service - Principal and Interest				778,580	(778,580)
Transportation-Other Than To/From School	40,000		40,000	16,965	23,035
Insurance for Property, Liability and Fidelity	39,900		39,900	31,384	8,516
Supplies and Materials	37,800	13,966	51,766	47,729	4,037
Energy Costs (Heat and Electricity)	65,100	50,000	115,100	110,675	4,425
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	(3,966)	1,034	1,034	-
Total Support Services	1,228,660	11,790	1,240,450	1,143,491	96,959
On-Behalf TPAF Pension Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	-	-		890,845	(890,845)
On-Behalf TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	-	-		242,456	(242,456)
On Behalf TPAF Long-Term Disability Contributions (Non-Budgeted)	-	-		705	(705)
Reimbursed TPAF Social Security Contributions (Non-Budgeted)				223,341	(223,341)
Total Expenditures	7,285,401	-	7,285,401	7,726,419	692,988
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	243,895	117,930	361,825	1,338,650	976,825
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	243,895	117,930	361,825	1,338,650	976,825
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	3,066,382	-	3,066,382	3,066,382	-
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	<u>\$ 3,310,277</u>	<u>\$ 117,930</u>	<u>\$ 3,428,207</u>	<u>\$ 4,405,032</u>	<u>\$ 976,825</u>
Recapitulation of Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures					
Budgeted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 3,310,277</u>	<u>\$ 117,930</u>	<u>\$ 3,428,207</u>	<u>\$ 4,405,032</u>	<u>\$ 976,825</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,310,277</u>	<u>\$ 117,930</u>	<u>\$ 3,428,207</u>	<u>\$ 4,405,032</u>	<u>\$ 976,825</u>

See Management's Discussion and Analysis section of this report for explanation of significant budget variances, original and final.



**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Special Revenue Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Budget Transfers	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Final to Actual
REVENUE SOURCES:					
State	131,510		131,510	131,510	-
Federal	\$ 740,047	\$ -	\$ 740,047	\$ 684,166	\$ (55,881)
Total Revenues	871,557	-	871,557	815,676	(55,881)
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction:					
Salaries	474,590		474,590	426,283	48,307
General Supplies	53,930		53,930	53,930	-
Total Instruction	528,520	-	528,520	480,213	48,307
Support Services:					
Salaries	94,700		94,700	94,700	-
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	63,210		63,210	59,514	3,696
Purchased Technical Services	40,000		40,000	36,122	3,878
Other Purchased Services	131,510		131,510	131,510	-
Supplies and Materials	13,617		13,617	13,617	-
Total Support Services	343,037	-	343,037	335,463	7,574
Total Expenditures	871,557	-	871,557	815,676	55,881
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

***NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

Budgetary Comparison Schedule

Budget-To-GAAP Reconciliation

Note to RSI

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Note A - Explanation of differences between Budgetary Inflows  
and Outflows and GAAP Revenues and Expenditures

	General Fund		Special Revenue Fund	
<b>Sources/Inflows of Resources</b>				
Actual amounts (budgetary) "revenues" from the budgetary comparison schedules	<b>[C-1]</b>	\$ 9,065,069	<b>[C-2]</b>	815,676
 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 reports on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance - governmental funds.	<b>[B-2]</b>	\$ 9,065,069	<b>[B-2]</b>	\$ 815,676
 <b>Uses/Outflows of resources</b>				
Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total outflows" from the budgetary comparison schedule	<b>[C-1]</b>	\$ 7,726,419	<b>[C-2]</b>	815,676
 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 accounting purposes.		-		-
 Total expenditures as reported on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds.	<b>[B-2]</b>	\$ 7,726,419	<b>[B-2]</b>	\$ 815,676

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

**SCHEDULE L - SCHEDULES RELATED TO ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING FOR  
PENSIONS (GASB 68)**

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES  
 SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
 LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
 UNAUDITED

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Charter School's proportion of the net pension liability	0.00155107%	0.00250878%	0.004265865%	0.005618210%	0.005197250%	0.005679902%	0.005750456%	0.005750456%	0.009097670%	0.009893326%
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 296,440	\$ 469,712	\$ 957,601	\$ 1,663,973	\$ 1,209,837	\$ 1,209,837	\$ 1,036,145	\$ 954,049	\$ 1,372,964	\$ 1,432,986
Charter School's covered payroll (plan measurement date)	\$ 318,635	\$ 464,711	\$ 339,903	\$ 339,903	\$ 417,138	\$ 485,747	\$ 576,075	\$ 618,448	\$ 933,190	\$ 941,514
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	93%	101%	282%	490%	290%	249%	180%	154%	147%	152%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	48.72%	52.08%	47.93%	45.37%	51.55%	51.55%	53.60%	58.32%	62.91%	53.31%

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**  
**UNAUDITED**

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30,									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Contractually required contribution	\$ 11,687	\$ 20,682	\$ 36,675	\$ 49,912	\$ 49,912	\$ 49,912	\$ 55,502	\$ 55,935	\$ 114,726	\$ 132,227
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(11,687)	(20,682)	(36,675)	(48,147)	(48,147)	(55,502)	(55,935)	(94,315)	(114,726)	(132,227)
Contribution deficiency/(excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,765	\$ (5,590)	\$ (433)	\$ (38,380)	\$ -	\$ -
Charter School's covered payroll (fiscal year)	\$ 318,635	\$ 464,711	\$ 339,903	\$ 339,903	\$ 417,138	\$ 485,747	\$ 576,075	\$ 618,448	\$ 933,190	\$ 941,514
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	3.67%	4.45%	10.79%	14.68%	11.97%	10.28%	9.63%	9.04%	12.29%	14.04%

PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SCHEDULES  
SCHEDULE OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
TEACHER'S PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND  
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS  
UNAUDITED

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
State's proportion of the net pension liability attributable of the Charter School	0.00487680%	0.00615718%	0.00593393%	0.00841980%	0.01261200%	0.01302860%	0.01418773%	0.01676260%	0.01718860%	0.02105328%
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability attributable to the Charter School	\$ 2,464,673	\$ 3,290,812	\$ 3,750,497	\$ 6,623,536	\$ 8,199,502	\$ 8,288,500	\$ 8,707,141	\$ 8,058,650	\$ 8,868,344	\$ 10,260,286
Charter School's covered payroll (plan measurement date)	\$ 969,160	\$ 915,411	\$ 1,268,995	\$ 1,475,439	\$ 1,624,817	\$ 1,813,449	\$ 1,991,939	\$ 2,482,813	\$ 2,725,544	\$ 3,034,299
Charter School's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of it's covered employee payroll	254.31% #	359.49% #	295.55% #	448.92% #	504.64% #	457.06% #	437.12% #	324.58% #	325.38%	338.14%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	33.76%	33.64%	28.71%	22.33%	22.33%	22.33%	26.95%	24.48%	35.52%	53.08%



**SCHEDULE M – SCHEDULES RELATED TO ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING FOR  
POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS**

**Pace Charter School of Hamilton**  
**Required Supplementary Information Schedules**  
**Schedule of Changes in the Charter School's Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**  
**Last Eight Fiscal Years**  
**(Unaudited)**

	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability- States's Proportionate Share of the Total OPEB Liability Associated with the Charter School								
OPEB Liability at Beginning of Measurement Period	\$	3,649,621	\$	3,518,893	\$	2,984,721	\$	3,375,185
Service cost		444,657		386,132		338,952		376,846
Interest on Total OPEB Liability		115,576		137,717		129,496		129,496
Effect on Changes of Benefit Terms		-		-		145,848		118,626
Difference between expected and actual experience				(618,457)		(5,984)		-
Effect of Changes of Assumptions		(612,457)		(342,512)		(1,349,200)		(609,424)
Contributions - Employee		3,001		2,758		5,547		(1,200,797)
Gross Benefits Paid by the State		(81,505)		(79,810)		3,729		3,770
						(114,887)		(117,502)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability		(130,728)		(534,172)		(610,341)		(1,146,006)
OPEB Liability at Beginning of Measurement Period		3,649,621		3,518,893		2,984,721		3,375,185
						6,232,609		5,622,268
Total OPEB Liability at End of Measurement Period	3,649,621	3,518,893	2,984,721	3,375,185	6,232,609	5,622,268	4,476,262	4,975,035

*Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

**Notes to Schedule:**

Update in census information	\$	(303,903,385)
Premium and Claims Experience		(676,521,478)
Total	\$	(980,424,863)

**Changes in Assumptions:**

The \$105,539,463 decrease in the liability from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 is due to the combined effect of the following:

Trend Update	\$	1,002,445,292
Experience Study Update		
Discount Rate Change	\$	(896,905,829)
Total Changes in Assumption	\$	105,539,463
Total Changes in Assumption	\$	(13,586,368,097)

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION - PART III

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

**A. Benefit Changes**

There were none.

**B. Changes in Assumptions**

The discount rate changed from 7.00% as of June 30, 2022 to 7.00% as of June 30, 2023 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statement No. 67.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**TEACHER'S PENSION AND ANNUITY FUND**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

**A. Benefit Changes**

There were none.

**B. Changes in Assumptions**

The discount rate changed from 7.00% as of June 30, 2022 to 7.00% as of June 30, 2023 in accordance with Paragraph 44 of GASB Statement No. 67.

***OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

**SECTION E – SPECIAL REVENUE FUND  
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

*Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.*

**THE PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Special Revenue Fund  
Combining Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures  
Budgetary Basis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Title I	I.D.E.A. Basic	I.D.E.A. Part B Preschool	ARP ESSER	ARP ESSER Comprehensive Beyond the school	ARP ESSER Accelerated Lm Coach and Educator	ARP ESSER NJTSS Mental Health Support	SDA Emergent Needs Capital Maintenance	Total
REVENUE SOURCES:									
Federal	\$ 186,378	\$ 102,267	\$ 1,799	\$ 289,982	\$ 7,006	\$ 51,734	\$ 45,000	\$ -	\$ 684,166
State									\$ 131,510
Total Revenues	\$ 186,378	\$ 102,267	\$ 1,799	\$ 289,982	\$ 7,006	\$ 51,734	\$ 45,000	\$ 131,510	\$ 815,676
EXPENDITURES:									
Instruction:									
Salaries of Teachers	\$ 114,400	\$ 36,000	\$ -	\$ 269,375	\$ 6,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 426,283
General Supplies	45,026	7,105	1,799						53,930
Total Instruction	159,426	43,105	1,799	269,375	6,508	-	-	-	480,213
Support Services:									
Salaries of Other Professional Staff	8,200					46,500	40,000		94,700
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	8,752	23,040		20,607	498	3,557	3,060		59,514
Purchased Prof/Ed Services		36,122						131,510	36,122
Other Purchased Professional Services						1,677	1,940		131,510
Supplies and Materials	10,000								13,617
Total Support Services	26,952	59,162	-	20,607	498	51,734	45,000	131,510	335,463
Total Expenditures	\$ 186,378	\$ 102,267	\$ 1,799	\$ 289,982	\$ 7,006	\$ 51,734	\$ 45,000	\$ 131,510	\$ 815,676



**SECTION G – PROPRIETARY FUND  
DETAIL STATEMENTS**

*Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the Charter School's board is that the costs of providing goods or services be financed through user charges.*

*Food Services Fund – This fund provides for the operation of food services for the Charter School.*

**THIS SECTION HAS ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS B-4, B-5, AND  
B-6.**

**STATISTICAL SECTION  
(UNAUDITED)**

***GASB requires that ten years of statistical data be presented. State law usually grants charters for less than information available. Each year thereafter, an additional year's data will be included until ten years of data is presented.***

**Contents**

**Financial Trends**

These schedules contain trend information to help the reader understand how the charter school's financial performance and well-being have changed over time.

**Revenue Capacity (Not Applicable to Charter School)**

These schedules contain information to help the reader assess the charter school's most significant local revenue source, the property tax.

**Debt Capacity**

These schedules present information to help the reader assess the affordability of the charter school's current levels of outstanding debt and the charter school's ability to issue additional debt in the future.

**Demographic and Economic Information**

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the charter school's financial activities take place.

**Operating Information**

These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the charter school's financial report relates to the services the charter school provides and the activities it performs.

**Sources:** Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the annual comprehensive financial reports (ACFR) for the relevant year.

## ***FINANCIAL TRENDS***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Net Assets/Position by Component  
Last Ten Fiscal Years  
*(accrual basis of accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Governmental Activities</b>										
Net investment in capital assets										
Restricted	\$ 314,156	\$ 234,314	\$ 314,111	\$ 344,750	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 124,763	\$ 134,796
Unrestricted	2,833,301	1,466,191	490,171	(145,735)	(4,524)	(347,254)	(178,199)	(119,579)	701,065	218,960
<b>Total Governmental Activities Net Assets/Position</b>	<b>\$ 3,147,457</b>	<b>\$ 1,700,505</b>	<b>\$ 804,282</b>	<b>\$ 199,015</b>	<b>\$ 70,476</b>	<b>\$ (347,254)</b>	<b>\$ (178,199)</b>	<b>\$ (119,579)</b>	<b>\$ 825,828</b>	<b>\$ 363,756</b>
<b>Business-Type Activities</b>										
Unrestricted	\$ 17,395	\$ 254,753	\$ 255,302	\$ 200,990	\$ 173,513	\$ 147,765	\$ 102,147	77,869	45,419	11,171
<b>Total Business-Type Activities Net Assets/Position</b>	<b>\$ 17,395</b>	<b>\$ 254,753</b>	<b>\$ 255,302</b>	<b>\$ 200,990</b>	<b>\$ 173,513</b>	<b>\$ 147,765</b>	<b>\$ 102,147</b>	<b>\$ 77,869</b>	<b>\$ 45,419</b>	<b>\$ 11,171</b>
<b>Charter School-wide</b>										
Restricted	\$ 314,156	\$ 234,314	\$ 314,111	\$ 344,750	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unrestricted	\$ 2,850,696	\$ 1,720,944	\$ 745,473	\$ 55,255	\$ 168,989	\$ (199,489)	\$ (76,052)	\$ (41,710)	\$ 746,484	\$ 230,131
<b>Total Charter School-wide Net Assets/Position</b>	<b>\$ 3,164,852</b>	<b>\$ 1,955,258</b>	<b>\$ 1,059,584</b>	<b>\$ 400,005</b>	<b>\$ 243,989</b>	<b>\$ (199,489)</b>	<b>\$ (76,052)</b>	<b>\$ (41,710)</b>	<b>\$ 871,247</b>	<b>\$ 364,927</b>

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Changes in Net Assets/Position  
For the Last Ten Fiscal Years  
(accrual basis of accounting)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Expenses</b>										
Governmental Activities:										
Instruction	\$ 4,831,463	\$ 3,389,919	\$ 3,383,071	\$ 2,956,107	\$ 2,353,345	\$ 2,223,758	\$ 1,917,992	\$ 1,661,543	\$ 1,574,055	\$ 1,912,763
Administration	2,893,794	3,680,476	2,900,872	2,820,908	2,443,569	2,257,619	2,081,866	1,523,278	1,359,421	493,084
Support Services	584,221	307,164	423,634	1,028,555	1,001,031	1,095,895	1,007,208	987,655	689,176	791,242
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	79,473	-	-	-	-
Unallocated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,033	10,033
Interest on Long - Term Debt	126,278	167,221	197,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated Amortization and Depreciation	652,842	652,842	626,309	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	9,088,598	8,197,622	7,530,909	6,805,570	5,797,945	5,656,745	5,007,066	4,172,476	3,632,685	3,207,122
Business-Type Activities:										
Food Service	338,372	505,327	294,232	92,562	131,348	126,326	136,716	112,563	110,917	100,294
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	338,372	505,327	294,232	92,562	131,348	126,326	136,716	112,563	110,917	100,294
Total Charter School Expenses	\$ 9,426,970	\$ 8,702,949	\$ 7,825,141	\$ 6,898,132	\$ 5,929,293	\$ 5,783,071	\$ 5,143,782	\$ 4,285,039	\$ 3,743,602	\$ 3,307,416
<b>Program Revenues</b>										
Governmental Activities:										
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 139,116	\$ 85,177	\$ 60,131	\$ 51,340	\$ 58,350	\$ 41,844	\$ 23,232	\$ 14,458	\$ 21,599	\$ 17,215
Total Governmental Activities Expenses	139,116	85,177	60,131	51,340	58,350	41,844	23,232	14,458	21,599	17,215
Business-Type Activities:										
Charges for Services	4,650	4,649	-	-	5,844	8,076	9,205	4,924	5,171	4,985
Operating Grants and Contributions	303,949	292,523	348,544	120,039	151,252	163,868	151,789	140,089	139,945	112,811
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	308,599	297,172	348,544	120,039	157,096	171,944	160,994	145,013	145,116	117,796
Total Charter School Program Revenue	\$ 447,715	\$ 382,349	\$ 408,675	\$ 171,379	\$ 215,446	\$ 213,788	\$ 184,226	\$ 159,471	\$ 166,715	\$ 135,011
<b>Net (Expense)/Revenue</b>										
Governmental Activities	\$ (8,949,482)	\$ (8,112,445)	\$ (7,470,778)	\$ (6,754,230)	\$ (5,739,595)	\$ (5,614,901)	\$ (4,983,834)	\$ (4,158,018)	\$ (3,611,086)	\$ (3,189,907)
Business-Type Activities	(29,773)	(208,155)	54,312	27,477	25,748	45,618	24,278	32,450	34,199	17,502
Total Charter School Net Expense	\$ (8,979,255)	\$ (8,320,600)	\$ (7,416,466)	\$ (6,726,753)	\$ (5,713,847)	\$ (5,569,283)	\$ (4,959,556)	\$ (4,125,568)	\$ (3,576,887)	\$ (3,172,405)
<b>General Revenues</b>										
Governmental Activities:										
General Purposes	\$ 4,622,877	\$ 3,987,853	\$ 2,252,722	\$ 2,125,126	\$ 1,779,711	\$ 1,438,179	\$ 1,108,428	\$ 836,420	\$ 742,917	\$ 671,935
Federal and State Aid Not Restricted	5,713,061	4,817,120	5,904,944	4,757,062	4,355,674	4,073,589	3,816,786	2,949,911	2,862,636	2,585,546
Investment Earnings	58,074	12	-	-	1,364	978	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	2,422	3,136	6,783	581	20,576	-	-	-	-	15,524
Transfers	-	200,547	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Governmental Activities	10,396,434	9,008,668	8,164,449	6,882,769	6,157,325	5,512,746	4,925,214	3,786,331	3,605,553	3,273,005
Business-Type Activities:										
Investment Earnings	17	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
Total Business-Type Activities Expenses	17	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49
Total Charter School Wide	\$ 10,396,451	\$ 9,008,672	\$ 8,164,449	\$ 6,882,769	\$ 6,157,325	\$ 5,512,746	\$ 4,925,214	\$ 3,786,331	\$ 3,605,602	\$ 3,273,013
<b>Change in Net Assets/Position</b>										
Governmental Activities	\$ 1,446,952	\$ 896,223	\$ 693,671	\$ 128,539	\$ 417,730	\$ (102,155)	\$ (58,620)	\$ (371,687)	\$ (5,533)	\$ 83,098
Business-Type Activities	(29,756)	(29,756)	54,312	27,477	25,748	45,618	24,278	32,450	34,248	17,510
Total Charter School	\$ 1,417,196	\$ 688,072	\$ 747,983	\$ 156,016	\$ 443,478	\$ (56,537)	\$ (34,342)	\$ (339,237)	\$ 28,715	\$ 100,608

Source: Charter School's Records

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
Last Ten Fiscal Years  
*(modified accrual basis of accounting)*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
General Fund										
Restricted	314,156	\$ 239,079	\$ 314,111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unassigned	4,165,953	2,827,303	1,769,644	1,443,740	1,188,584	631,816	609,948	532,876	701,066	546,563
Total General Fund	\$ 4,480,109	\$ 3,066,382	\$ 2,083,755	\$ 1,443,740	\$ 1,188,584	\$ 631,816	\$ 609,948	\$ 532,876	\$ 701,066	\$ 546,563

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
Last Ten Fiscal Years  
(modified accrual basis of accounting)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Revenues:</b>										
Local Sources:	\$ 4,683,373	\$ 3,991,001	\$ 2,259,504	\$ 2,125,707	\$ 1,801,651	\$ 1,439,157	\$ 1,108,428	\$ 836,420	\$ 742,917	\$ 687,459
State Sources	4,513,206	4,157,915	4,902,764	4,208,899	3,778,080	3,498,601	3,088,995	2,676,416	2,538,554	2,390,640
Federal Sources	684,166	744,382	1,062,311	599,503	241,347	233,450	230,261	207,089	293,342	212,121
Total Revenues	<u>9,880,745</u>	<u>8,893,298</u>	<u>8,224,579</u>	<u>6,934,109</u>	<u>5,821,078</u>	<u>5,171,208</u>	<u>4,427,684</u>	<u>3,719,925</u>	<u>3,574,813</u>	<u>3,290,220</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>										
Instruction	3,278,644	3,174,480	3,123,501	2,956,107	2,353,345	2,223,758	1,917,992	1,661,543	1,574,055	1,526,772
Administration	3,784,497	3,606,169	2,999,868	2,659,725	1,909,935	1,750,213	1,425,412	1,319,781	1,209,418	889,806
Support Services	1,478,954	1,330,569	1,399,250	1,063,121	1,001,031	1,095,895	1,007,208	987,655	689,176	780,511
Capital Outlay	-	-	3,438,564	-	-	79,473	-	-	-	65,496
Total Expenditures	<u>8,542,095</u>	<u>8,111,218</u>	<u>10,961,183</u>	<u>6,678,953</u>	<u>5,264,311</u>	<u>5,149,339</u>	<u>4,350,612</u>	<u>3,968,979</u>	<u>3,472,649</u>	<u>3,262,585</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,338,650	782,080	(2,736,604)	255,156	556,767	21,869	77,072	(249,054)	102,164	27,635
<b>Other Financing Source (Uses):</b>										
Transfers In	-	200,547	3,465,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Uses	<u>-</u>	<u>200,547</u>	<u>3,465,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,338,650</u>	<u>\$ 982,627</u>	<u>\$ 728,419</u>	<u>\$ 255,156</u>	<u>\$ 556,767</u>	<u>\$ 21,869</u>	<u>\$ 77,072</u>	<u>\$ (249,054)</u>	<u>\$ 102,164</u>	<u>\$ 27,635</u>

Source: Charter School's Records



**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
 General Fund - Other Local Revenue by Source  
 Last Ten Fiscal Years  
*(modified accrual basis of accounting)*

Fiscal Year	Donations	Interest	Miscellaneous Revenue	Total
2024	\$ -	\$ 58,074	\$ 2,422	\$ 60,496
2023	-	12	3,136	3,148
2022	-	-	6,782	6,782
2021	-	-	581	581
2020	-	1,364	20,576	21,940
2019	-	978	-	978
2018	-	-	-	-
2017	-	-	-	-
2016	-	-	-	-
2015	-	-	15,524	15,524

Source: Charter School's Records

***OPERATING INFORMATION***

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
 Full-Time Equivalent Charter School Employees by Function  
 Last Ten Fiscal Years  
 (Unaudited)

Function	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Instruction	40	38	38	35	35	29	25	23	24	26
Administrative	5	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	2	2
Support Services	15	15	16	16	14	16	10	13	10	10
Food Service	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	4
Total	65	61	62	58	56	51	40	41	40	42

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

Operating Statistics  
Last Ten Fiscal Years  
(Unaudited)

Fiscal Year	Enrollment	Operating Expenditures	Cost Per Pupil	Percentage Change	Teaching Staff	Pupil / Teacher Ratio	Average Daily Enrollment (ADE)	Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	Percent Change in Average Daily Enrollment	Student Attendance Percentage
2024	454	\$ 8,542,095	\$ 18,815	2.06%	40	11:1	451.73	414.46	2.73%	91.75%
2023	440	8,111,218	18,435	7.82%	40	11:1	439.72	412.61	-0.06%	93.83%
2022	440	7,522,619	17,097	7.00%	38	12:1	440	430	5.26%	97.73%
2021	418	6,678,953	15,978	14.43%	35	12:1	418	410	10.70%	98.09%
2020	377	5,264,311	13,964	-6.08%	35	11:1	377.6	371.9	10.73%	98.49%
2019	341	5,069,866	14,868	-14.57%	29	12:1	341.0	336.0	39.18%	98.53%
2018	250	4,350,612	17,402	3.92%	24	10.9:1	245.0	240.1	3.38%	98.00%
2017	237	3,968,979	16,747	4.17%	26	9.8:1	237.0	234.0	9.72%	98.73%
2016	216	3,472,649	16,077	-25.07%	11	10.64:1	216.0	214.0	51.05%	99.07%
2015	149	3,197,089	21,457	14.91%	8	10.64:1	143.0	139.0	27.68%	97.20%

**Sources:** Charter School records

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

- a Operating expenditures equal total expenditures less debt service and capital outlay.
- b Teaching staff includes only full-time equivalents of certified staff.
- c Average daily enrollment and average daily attendance are obtained from School Register Summary (SRS).

Source: Charter School's Records

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
School Building Information  
Last Ten Fiscal Years  
(Unauditted)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
459	450	432	405	345	255	250	230	120	120	120
454	440	440	418	377	341	250	237	216	216	149

**Charter School Building**

**Lower School**

Square Feet

Capacity (students)

Enrollment

Number of Schools at June 30, 2024

Lower School = 1

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

Insurance Schedule  
June 30, 2024  
(Unaudited)

	Coverage	Deductible
Commercial General Liability - NJ School Boards Association Insurance Group		
Products - Completed Operations Aggregate Limit	\$ 1,000,000	
Personal and Advertising Injury		
Aggregate Limit	1,000,000	
Per Occurrence	1,000,000	
Child Molestation/Sexual Abuse		
Aggregate Limit	3,000,000	
Per Occurrence	1,000,000	
Employee Benefits Liability	1,000,000	\$ 1,000
Premises Medical Payments		
Per Person	1,000	100
Per Accident	10,000	
Commercial Property - NJSBA Insurance Group		
Blanket Real and Personal Property		
Per Occurrence	485,000	1,000
Blanket Extra Expense	250,000	
Blanket Valuable Papers and Records	50,000	
EDP Coverage - NJSBA Insurance Group		
Blanket Hardware	25,000	1,000
Blanket Data, Media Software	25,000	
Blanket Extra Expense	included	
Business Automobile Coverage - NJSBA Insurance Group		
Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage		
Per Accident (Hired and Non-Owned Only)	1,000,000	
Crime Coverage - NJSBA Insurance Group		
Faithful Performance Limit	25,000	500
Money and Securities Limit	-	
Errors and Omissions - Legion Insurance Company		
Aggregate Limit	1,000,000	5,000
Excess Liability - Umbrella Form - NJSBA Insurance Group		
Aggregate Limit	1,000,000	
Per Occurrence	1,000,000	
Self-Insured Retention	10,000	
Workman's Compensation - NJSBA Insurance Group		
Each Accident	5,000,000	
Disease		
Each Employee	5,000,000	
Policy Limit	5,000,000	
Boiler and Machinery - NJSBA Insurance Group		
Combined Single Limit for Property Damage and Extra Expense	100,000,000	1,000

Source: Charter School's Records

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
**New Jersey Performance Framework Financial Ratios**  
**Charter School Performance Framework Financial Indicators**  
**Audited Performance Indicators**

Fiscal Ratios  
 Last Three Fiscal Years

	2022 Audit	2023 Audit	2024 Audit	Source
Cash	2,055,379	2,727,258	3,723,382	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Current Assets (include cash)	2,483,968	3,219,557	4,488,310	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Current Liabilities	144,911	102,396	65,883	Audit: Exhibit A-1
Total Expenses	7,825,141	8,702,949	9,426,970	Audit: Exhibit A-2
Change in Net Position	747,983	688,072	1,417,196	Audit: Exhibit A-2
Final Average Daily Enrollment (exclude PK)*	430.00	440.00	454.00	DOE Final Enrollment Report
March 30 Budgeted Enrollment (exclude PK)	440	440	452	March 30 Charter School Budget
<i>Complete section only if auditee has mortgage/note/bond payable:</i>				
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers
Interest Expense	197,023	167,221	126,278	Auditor/Workpapers
Principal Payments	-	-	-	Auditor/Workpapers
Interest Payments	197,023	167,221	126,278	Auditor/Workpapers

Performance Indicators		2022	2023	2024	3 YR CUM	Calculation****	Target****
Near Term Indicators							
1a.	Current Ratio (working capital ratio)	17.14	31.44	68.13		Current Assets/Current Liabilities	> 1.1 or between 1.0-1.1 with positive trend
1b.	Unrestricted days cash on hand	95.87	114.38	144.16		Cash/(Total Expenses/365)	60 days or 30-60 days with positive trend
1c.	Enrollment Variance	98%	100%	100%	99%	Average Daily Enrollment/Budgeted Enrollment	>95% or >95% for 3-yr cum
1d.***	Default on loans or delinquent in debt payments	NO	NO	NO		Auditor	not in default
Sustainability Indicators							
2a****	3 Year Cumulative Cash Flow	768,687	671,879	996,124	2,436,690	Net change in cash flow from prior years	3 yr cum positive with most recent year positive
2b	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	4.80	5.11	12.22		N/A or (Change in Net Position + depreciation + interest expense) / (principal + interest payments)	>1.10

\* For renaissance schools: use Oct 15 count if no final count; use head count if ADE not available  
 \*\* Is school in default of loan covenant(s) and/or is delinquent with debt service payments? Yes or No  
 \*\*\* 2024 =2024 Cash -2023 Cash; 2023 =2023 Cash -2022 Cash; 2022 =2022 Cash -2021 Cash  
 \*\*\*\* Refer to NJ Performance Framework

Meets Standard

Does Not Meet Standard

Falls Far Below Standard

***SINGLE AUDIT SECTION***



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**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”**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT**

Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Pace Charter School of Hamilton  
County of Mercer  
Hamilton, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Pace Charter School of Hamilton (Charter School), in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, 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, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2024.

**Reporting on 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 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.

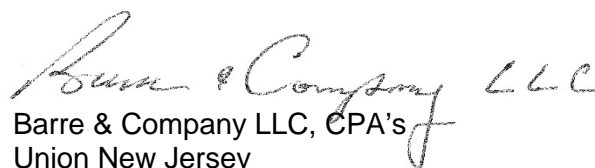
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weakness or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify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


### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Charter School's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matter 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH  
MAJOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL  
CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM  
GUIDANCE AND NEW JERSEY CIRCULAR 15-08 OMB**

Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Trustees  
Pace Charter School of Hamilton  
County of Mercer  
Hamilton, New Jersey

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

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

We have audited the Pace Charter School of Hamilton's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement *and* New Jersey Circular 15-08- OMB State Aid/Grant Compliance Supplement 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. The Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state and federal programs for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

***Basis for Opinion on Each Major State and Federal 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; *the audit 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 audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance,

Department of Education, State of New Jersey; and New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, *Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid*. 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton 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 state and federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Pace Charter School of Hamilton's state and federal 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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 the audit 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 New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Pace Charter School of Hamilton's compliance with the requirements of each major State program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, the audit 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 Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey; and New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid, we:

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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 Uniform Guidance and New Jersey Circular 15-08-OMB, Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants and State Aid but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Pace Charter School of Hamilton'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.

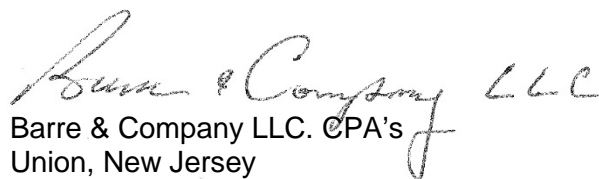
### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

*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 state and federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a 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 and 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 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.

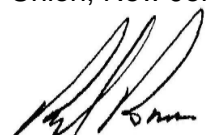
Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant 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 Uniform Guidance and New Jersey Circular OBM 15-08. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Schedule B - Financial Assistance  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

State Grantor/Program Title	Grant or State Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Grant Period		Balance at June 30, 2023			Balance at June 30, 2024			MEMO					
			From	To	Unearned Revenue (Accounts Receivable)	Due to Grantor	Carryover/ (Waiver) Amount	Cash Received	Budgetary Expenditures	Adjustments/ Repayment of Prior Year's Balance	(Accounts Receivable)	Unearned Revenue/ Interfund Payable	Due to Grantor	Budgetary Receivable	Cumulative Total Expenditures	
<b>State Department of Education</b>																
<b>General Fund:</b>																
<b>State At-R Public Cluster</b>																
Equalization Aid	24-495-034-5120-078	4,622,877	7/1/23	6/30/24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,196,666	\$ (4,622,877)	\$ -	\$ (472,530)	\$ -	\$ 46,319	\$ -	\$ 4,622,877	
Equalization Aid	23-495-034-5120-078	3,987,853	7/1/22	6/30/23	(383,419)	6,097		377,322	(139,116)						139,116	
Special Education Aid	24-495-034-5120-089	139,116	7/1/23	6/30/24				226,579	(226,579)						226,579	
Security Aid	24-495-034-5120-084	226,579	7/1/23	6/30/24												
Adjustment Aid	24-495-034-5120-085	-	7/1/23	6/30/23												
Adjustment Aid	23-495-034-5120-085	-	7/1/22	6/30/23	(383,419)	6,097		4,939,683	(4,988,572)		(472,530)		46,319	426,211	4,988,572	
<b>Total State At-R Public Cluster</b>																
TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	24-495-034-5094-001	242,456	7/1/23	6/30/24				242,456	(242,456)						242,456	
TPAF Pension Contributions	24-495-034-5094-002	890,845	7/1/23	6/30/24				890,845	(890,845)						890,845	
TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	705	7/1/23	6/30/24				705	(705)						705	
Reimursed TPAF - Social Security Contributions	24-495-034-5094-003	223,341	7/1/23	6/30/24	(10,191)			212,150	(223,341)		(11,277)			11,277	223,341	
Reimursed TPAF - Social Security Contributions	23-495-034-5094-003	203,966	7/1/22	6/30/23				10,191								
<b>Total General Fund</b>																
					(393,610)	6,097	-	6,295,944	(6,345,919)	-	(483,807)	-	46,319	437,488	6,345,919	
<b>Special Revenue Fund:</b>																
Preschool and Charter School Security					7/1/22	9/30/23										
SDA Emergent and Capital Maintenance Funds					7/1/23	6/30/24		131,510	(131,510)						131,510	
<b>Total Special Revenue Fund</b>																
					-	-	-	131,510	(131,510)	-	-	-	-	-	131,510	
<b>State Department of Agriculture</b>																
<b>Enterprise Fund:</b>																
School Breakfast Program	24-100-010-3350-021	7,127	7/1/23	6/30/24				6,857	(7,127)		(270)			270	7,127	
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	24-100-010-3350-022	19,311	7/1/23	6/30/24	(515)			18,467	(19,311)		(844)			844	19,311	
National School Lunch Program (State Share)	23-100-010-3350-023	-	7/1/22	6/30/23				515								
<b>Total Enterprise Fund</b>																
					(515)	-	-	25,839	(26,438)	-	(1,114)	-	-	1,114	26,438	
<b>Total State Financial Assistance</b>					\$ (394,125)	\$ 6,097	\$ -	\$ 6,453,293	\$ (6,503,867)	\$ -	\$ (484,921)	\$ -	\$ 46,319	\$ 438,602	\$ 6,503,867	
<b>State Financial Assistance Not to Subject to Major Program Determination:</b>																
<b>General Fund:</b>																
TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Contributions	24-495-034-5094-001	242,456	7/1/23	6/30/24	-	-	-	(242,456)	242,456	-	-	-	-	-	242,456	
TPAF Pension Contributions	24-495-034-5094-002	890,845	7/1/23	6/30/24	-	-	-	(890,845)	890,845	-	-	-	-	-	890,845	
TPAF Non-Contributory Insurance	24-495-034-5094-004	705	7/1/23	6/30/24	-	-	-	(705)	705	-	-	-	-	-	705	
<b>Total On-Behalf TPAF Payments</b>																
					-	-	-	(1,134,006)	1,134,006	-	-	-	-	-	1,134,006	
<b>Total State Financial Assistance Subject to Major Program Determination</b>																
					\$ (394,125)	\$ 6,097	\$ -	\$ 5,319,287	\$ (5,369,861)	\$ -	\$ (484,921)	\$ -	\$ 46,319	\$ 438,602	\$ 7,637,873	



**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance  
June 30, 2024

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**NOTE 1. GENERAL**

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance include federal and state award activity of the Board of Trustees, Pace Charter School of Hamilton. The Board of Trustees is defined in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. 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 schedules of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance.

**NOTE 2. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accompanying schedules of expenditures of awards and financial assistance are presented on the budgetary basis of accounting with the exception of programs recorded in the food service fund, which are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. These basis of accounting are described in Note 1 to the board's basic financial statements. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 CFR 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and the New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08, "Single Audit Policy for Recipients of Federal Grants, State Grants, and State Aid". Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

**NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The basic financial statements present the general fund and special revenue fund on a GAAP basis. Budgetary comparison statements or 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 audit year, whereas for GAAP reporting, revenue is not recognized until the subsequent year or when expenditures have been made.

The general fund is presented in the accompanying schedules on the modified accrual basis with the exception of the revenue recognition of the one or more deferred June state aid payments in the current budget year, which is mandated pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*. For GAAP purposes payments are not recognized until the subsequent budget year due to the state deferral and recording of the one or more June state aid payments in the subsequent year. 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 special revenue fund also recognizes the one or more June state aid payment in the current budget year, consistent with *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures Of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance  
June 30, 2024

**NOTE 3. RELATIONSHIP TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The net adjustment to reconcile from the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis is none for the general fund and none for the special revenue fund. See Notes to the Required Supplementary Information for a reconciliation of the budgetary basis to the modified accrual basis of accounting for the general and special revenue funds. Awards and financial assistance revenues are reported in the Charter Schools's basic financial statements on a GAAP basis as presented below:

	Federal	State	Total
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 4,381,696	\$ 4,381,696
Special Revenue Fund	684,166	131,510	815,676
Food Service Fund	277,511	26,438	303,949
Total Awards & Financial Assistance	<u>\$ 961,677</u>	<u>\$ 4,539,644</u>	<u>\$ 5,501,321</u>

**NOTE 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.

**NOTE 5. FEDERAL AND STATE LOAN OUTSTANDING**

Pace Charter School of Hamilton has no loan balances outstanding at June 30, 2024.

**NOTE 6. OTHER INFORMATION**

Revenues and expenditures reported under the Food Distribution Program represent current year value received and current year distributions respectively. The amount reported as TPAF Pension Contributions, TPAF Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions and TPAF Long-Term Disability Insurance represents the amount paid by the state on behalf of the Charter School for the year ended June 30, 2024. TPAF Social Security Contributions represents the amount reimbursed by the state for the employer's share of social security contributions for TPAF members for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**NOTE 7. ON-BEHALF PROGRAMS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE SINGLE AUDIT**

On-behalf State Programs for TPAF Pension and Post-Retirement Medical Benefits Contributions payments 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 basic financial statements and the amount subject to State single audit and major program determination.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**

Notes to the Schedules of Expenditures Of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance  
June 30, 2024

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**NOTE 8. SCHOOL WIDE PROGRAM FUNDS**

Schoolwide programs are not separate federal programs as defined in Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards; amounts used in schoolwide programs are included in the total expenditures of the program contributing the funds in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The Charter School does not have a schoolwide program.

**NOTE 9. MAJOR PROGRAMS**

Major programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

***Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results***

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors’ report issued on financial statements Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

1) Material weakness(es) identified?        Yes   X   No

2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?        Yes   X   None Reported

Noncompliance material to basic financial statements noted?        Yes   X   No

**Federal Awards Section**

Internal control over financial reporting:

1) Material weakness(es) identified?        Yes   X   No

2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?        Yes   X   None Reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major program Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in Accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 04-04?        Yes   X   No

Identification of major federal programs:

CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
EDUCATION ESTABILIZATION FUND	
<u>84.425U</u>	<u>ARP ESSER</u>
<u>84.425U</u>	<u>ARP ESSER Accelerated Learning</u>
<u>84.425U</u>	<u>ARP ESSER NJTSS Mental Health</u>
<u>84.425U</u>	<u>ARP ESSER Comprehensive Beyond</u>

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?   X   Yes        No

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

**Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results**

**State Awards Section**

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

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

  X   Yes

     No

Type of auditors’ report issued on compliance for major programs

Unmodified

Internal control over major programs:

1) Material weakness(es) identified?

     Yes

  X   No

2) Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to  
be material weaknesses?

     Yes

  X   None  
Reported

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in  
accordance with NJ Circular Letter 15-08 OMB?

     Yes

  X   No

Identification of major state programs:

<b>GMIS Number(s)</b>	<b>Name of State Program</b>
	<u>STATE AID-PUBLIC :</u>
<u>24-495-034-5120-078</u>	<u>EQUALIZATION AID</u>
<u>24-495-034-5120-089</u>	<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION CATEGORICAL AID</u>
<u>24-495-034-5120-084</u>	<u>SECURITY AID</u>
<u>24-495-034-5120-085</u>	<u>ADJUSTMENT AID</u>

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

The section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses and fraud, non-compliance with provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements related to financial statements for which Government Auditing Standards and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey requires.

No Current Year Findings

***Section III –Schedule of Federal Award and State Financial Assistance  
Findings and Questioned Costs***

This section identifies the significant deficiencies, material weaknesses, and material matters of Non-compliance, including questioned costs and significant instances of abuse, related to the audit of major federal and state programs, as required by U.S Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08.

**CURRENT YEAR FEDERAL AWARDS**

No Current Year Findings

**CURRENT YEAR STATE AWARDS**

No Current Year Findings

**PACE CHARTER SCHOOL OF HAMILTON**  
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings and Questioned Costs as Prepared By  
Management  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

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**STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

This section identifies the status of prior-year findings related to the basic financial statements and federal awards and state financial assistance that are required to be reported in accordance with U.S. Uniform Guidance and New Jersey OMB's Circular 15-08, as amended.

**Findings**

No Prior Year Findings