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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees
PAVE Academy Charter School

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of PAVE Academy Charter School (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of PAVE Academy Charter School as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of PAVE Academy Charter School and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material 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 PAVE Academy Charter School's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of PAVE Academy Charter School'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 PAVE Academy Charter School'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.

Report on Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 11, 2024, on our consideration of PAVE Academy Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of PAVE Academy Charter School's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering PAVE Academy Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Harrison, New York
September 11, 2024

PAVE Academy Charter School

Statements of Financial Position

	June 30,	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 2,939,611	\$ 2,736,834
Grants and contracts receivable	704,600	959,781
Due from related party	33,000	22,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	107,794	58,760
Total Current Assets	3,785,005	3,777,375
Investments	5,733,001	5,455,953
Property and equipment, net	258,647	216,502
Restricted cash	76,498	76,498
	<u>\$ 9,853,151</u>	<u>\$ 9,526,328</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 173,960	\$ 237,586
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	406,858	334,691
Total Current Liabilities	580,818	572,277
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	8,923,894	8,601,111
Board designated	209,039	209,039
	9,132,933	8,810,150
With donor restrictions	139,400	143,901
Total Net Assets	9,272,333	8,954,051
	<u>\$ 9,853,151</u>	<u>\$ 9,526,328</u>

See notes to financial statements

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Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$ 9,487,588	\$ -	\$ 9,487,588
Federal grants	1,279,822	-	1,279,822
Federal E-rate and IDEA	194,887	-	194,887
State grants	44,481	-	44,481
Contributions and grants	155,580	205,638	361,218
Interest and other income	282,910	-	282,910
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>210,139</u>	<u>(210,139)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue and Support	<u>11,655,407</u>	<u>(4,501)</u>	<u>11,650,906</u>
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Regular education	7,256,444	-	7,256,444
Special education	<u>3,015,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,015,783</u>
Total Program Services	10,272,227	-	10,272,227
Supporting Services			
Management and general	<u>1,396,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,396,733</u>
Total Expenses	<u>11,668,960</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,668,960</u>
Change in Net Assets Before Other Income	(13,553)	(4,501)	(18,054)
OTHER INCOME			
Employee Retention Credit	<u>336,336</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>336,336</u>
Change in Net Assets	322,783	(4,501)	318,282
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of year	<u>8,810,150</u>	<u>143,901</u>	<u>8,954,051</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 9,132,933</u>	<u>\$ 139,400</u>	<u>\$ 9,272,333</u>

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Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
State and local per pupil operating revenue	\$ 9,783,850	\$ -	\$ 9,783,850
Federal grants	1,546,230	-	1,546,230
Federal E-rate and IDEA	142,161	-	142,161
State grants	44,172	-	44,172
Contributions and grants	286,628	283,074	569,702
Interest and other income	123,043	-	123,043
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>264,813</u>	<u>(264,813)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue and Support	<u>12,190,897</u>	<u>18,261</u>	<u>12,209,158</u>
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Regular education	7,078,240	-	7,078,240
Special education	<u>2,960,640</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,960,640</u>
Total Program Services	10,038,880	-	10,038,880
Supporting Services			
Management and general	<u>1,319,071</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,319,071</u>
Total Expenses	<u>11,357,951</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,357,951</u>
Change in Net Assets	832,946	18,261	851,207
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of year	<u>7,977,204</u>	<u>125,640</u>	<u>8,102,844</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 8,810,150</u>	<u>\$ 143,901</u>	<u>\$ 8,954,051</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	No. of Positions	Program Services			Management and General	Total
		Regular Education	Special Education	Total		
Personnel Services Costs						
Administrative staff personnel	20	\$ 718,420	\$ 457,950	\$ 1,176,370	\$ 920,014	\$ 2,096,384
Instructional personnel	60	3,379,563	1,315,679	4,695,242	-	4,695,242
Total Personnel Services Costs	80	4,097,983	1,773,629	5,871,612	920,014	6,791,626
Fringe benefits and payroll taxes		840,213	363,649	1,203,862	188,631	1,392,493
Retirement		31,391	13,586	44,977	7,047	52,024
Legal service		4,481	1,449	5,930	95	6,025
Accounting / audit services		57,000	24,670	81,670	12,797	94,467
Other purchased / professional / consulting services		463,849	178,912	642,761	63,546	706,307
Repairs and maintenance		310,755	134,496	445,251	69,766	515,017
Insurance		118,209	51,161	169,370	26,538	195,908
Utilities		139,616	60,427	200,043	31,344	231,387
Supplies / materials		161,859	50,497	212,356	-	212,356
Equipment / furnishings		9,148	2,854	12,002	-	12,002
Staff development		20,901	6,521	27,422	-	27,422
Marketing / recruitment		101,260	34,902	136,162	6,151	142,313
Technology		72,154	31,229	103,383	16,199	119,582
Food service		337,412	105,266	442,678	-	442,678
Student services		207,860	64,848	272,708	-	272,708
Office expense		129,191	55,988	185,179	28,745	213,924
Depreciation and amortization		86,736	37,540	124,276	19,473	143,749
Other		66,426	24,159	90,585	6,387	96,972
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 7,256,444</u>	<u>\$ 3,015,783</u>	<u>\$ 10,272,227</u>	<u>\$ 1,396,733</u>	<u>\$ 11,668,960</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	No. of Positions	Program Services			Management and General	Total
		Regular Education	Special Education	Total		
Personnel Services Costs						
Administrative staff personnel	21	\$ 965,334	\$ 402,715	\$ 1,368,049	\$ 840,276	\$ 2,208,325
Instructional personnel	52	2,824,600	1,228,676	4,053,276	-	4,053,276
Total Personnel Services Costs	73	3,789,934	1,631,391	5,421,325	840,276	6,261,601
Fringe benefits and payroll taxes		857,628	369,169	1,226,797	190,147	1,416,944
Retirement		30,056	12,938	42,994	6,664	49,658
Legal service		16,323	5,923	22,246	417	22,663
Accounting / audit services		71,300	30,691	101,991	15,808	117,799
Other purchased / professional / consulting services		583,581	230,693	814,274	69,847	884,121
Repairs and maintenance		321,190	138,257	459,447	71,212	530,659
Insurance		109,931	47,320	157,251	24,373	181,624
Utilities		104,889	45,150	150,039	23,255	173,294
Supplies / materials		187,364	66,341	253,705	-	253,705
Equipment / furnishings		6,345	2,247	8,592	-	8,592
Staff development		33,544	11,877	45,421	-	45,421
Marketing / recruitment		70,041	27,796	97,837	8,697	106,534
Technology		55,914	24,069	79,983	12,397	92,380
Food service		335,137	118,663	453,800	-	453,800
Student services		220,873	78,205	299,078	-	299,078
Office expense		124,480	53,314	177,794	26,818	204,612
Depreciation and amortization		107,751	46,382	154,133	23,889	178,022
Other		51,959	20,214	72,173	5,271	77,444
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 7,078,240</u>	<u>\$ 2,960,640</u>	<u>\$ 10,038,880</u>	<u>\$ 1,319,071</u>	<u>\$ 11,357,951</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

	Year Ended June 30,	
	2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 318,282	\$ 851,207
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	143,749	178,022
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Grants and contracts receivable	255,181	159,460
Due from related party	(11,000)	(22,000)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(49,034)	26,886
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(63,626)	42,284
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	72,167	11,829
Net Cash from Operating Activities	<u>665,719</u>	<u>1,247,688</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of property and equipment	(185,894)	(175,356)
Purchases of investments	<u>(277,048)</u>	<u>(5,455,953)</u>
Net Cash from Investing Activities	<u>(462,942)</u>	<u>(5,631,309)</u>
Net Change in Cash and Restricted Cash	202,777	(4,383,621)
CASH AND RESTRICTED CASH		
Beginning of year	<u>2,813,332</u>	<u>7,196,953</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 3,016,109</u>	<u>\$ 2,813,332</u>

See notes to financial statements

PAVE Academy Charter School

Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023

1. Organization and Tax Status

PAVE Academy Charter School (the "School") is a New York State, not-for-profit educational corporation that was incorporated on January 15, 2008 to operate a charter school pursuant to Article 56 of the Education Law of the State of New York. The School was granted a provisional charter on January 15, 2008 valid for a term of five years and renewable upon expiration by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The Board of Regents approved and issued several renewals to the School's charter expiring on June 30, 2028. During March of 2017, the School applied to change their authorizer and transfer its charter from the New York City Department of Education to the State University of New York ("SUNY"). On October 11, 2017, SUNY approved the transfer of the School's charter effective beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The School provides students a rigorous, college-preparatory education that lays the foundation for a productive and choice-filled life. The School's evidence-based, multi-pronged approach recognizes that young people - particularly young people of color from high-poverty communities - can only achieve academic success when they feel safe, supported, connected, and emotionally healthy. To that end, the School equally fosters the academic, social, and emotional development of skills students need to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, overcomers, and future leaders in their communities. Classes commenced in Red Hook, Brooklyn, New York, in August 2008 and the School provided education to approximately 435 students in kindergarten through eighth grade in the 2023-2024 academic year.

The New York City Department of Education provides free transportation directly to some of the School's students. Such costs are not included in these financial statements.

Except for taxes that may be due for unrelated business income, the School is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from state and local income taxes under comparable laws.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"), which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Net Asset Presentation

Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into net asset categories established according to nature and purpose as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – consist of resources available for the general support of the School's operations. Net assets without donor restrictions may be used at the discretion of the School's management and/or the Board of Trustees. Board designated net assets were established by the Board of Trustees to provide a cash reserve for unseen operating and capital expenses.

Net assets with donor restrictions – represents amounts restricted by donors for specific activities of the School or to be used at a future date. The School records contributions as net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit their use either through purpose or time restrictions. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a time restriction ends or a purpose restriction is fulfilled, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Fair Value Measurements

The School follows U.S. GAAP guidance on fair value measurements which defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy organized into three levels based upon the input assumptions used in pricing assets. Level 1 inputs have the highest reliability and are related to assets with unadjusted quoted prices in active markets. Level 2 inputs relate to assets with other than quoted prices in active markets which may include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or other inputs which can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs and are used to the extent that observable inputs do not exist.

Investment Valuation

Investments are stated at fair value.

Investment Income Recognition

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in the determination of change in net assets.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Restricted Cash

Under the provisions of its Charter, the School established an escrow account to pay for legal and audit expenses that would be associated with a dissolution, should it occur.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash and restricted cash reported within the statements of financial position that sum to the totals of the same such amounts presented in the statements of cash flows at June 30:

	2024	2023
Cash	\$ 2,939,611	\$ 2,736,834
Restricted cash	76,498	76,498
	<u>\$ 3,016,109</u>	<u>\$ 2,813,332</u>

Property and Equipment

The School follows the practice of capitalizing all expenditures for property and equipment with costs in excess of \$5,000 and a useful life in excess of one year. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the term of the lease, inclusive of all renewal periods, which are reasonably assured, or the estimated useful life of the asset. Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition. Costs of maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. All property and equipment purchased with government funding is capitalized, unless the government agency retains legal title to such assets, in which case it is expensed as incurred.

Depreciation and amortization is recognized on the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of such assets as follows:

Computers and equipment	3 and 5 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Software	3 years

Property and equipment are reviewed for impairment if the use of the asset significantly changes or another indicator of possible impairment is identified. If the carrying amount for the asset is not recoverable, the asset is written down to its fair value. There were no asset impairments for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Revenue and Support

Revenue from the state and local governments resulting from the School's charter status and based on the number of students enrolled is recorded when services are performed in accordance with the charter agreement. Federal and other state and local funds are recorded when expenditures are incurred and billable to the government agency. Contribution revenue is recognized when a donor makes a gift to the School or a promise to make a gift to the School which is, in substance, unconditional.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

Revenue and Support (continued)

Grants and other contributions of cash are reported as net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations. Contributions and grants that are made to support the School's current year activities are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. In-kind donations are recorded at the estimated fair value at the date the services and goods are received. Rental income is recognized when received in accordance to the agreement.

Functional Expense Allocation

The majority of expenses can generally be directly identified with the program or supporting service to which they relate and are charged accordingly. Other expenses such as personnel service costs, other purchased, professional, consulting services, repairs and maintenance and food service have been allocated among program and supporting services classifications on the basis of periodic time and expense studies and other basis as determined by management of the School to be appropriate.

Marketing and Recruitment

Marketing and recruitment costs are expensed as incurred for staff and student recruitment. Marketing and recruitment expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$142,313 and \$106,534.

Measure of Operations

The statements of activities reports all changes in net assets, including changes in net assets from operating and non-operating activities. Operating activities consist of those items attributable to the School's ongoing services. Non-operating activities consist of the Employee Retention Credit.

Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes

The School recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not to be sustained. Management has determined that the School had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition or disclosure. The School is no longer subject to examinations by the applicable taxing jurisdictions for years prior to June 30, 2021.

Subsequent Events Evaluation by Management

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, which date is September 11, 2024.

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3. Grants and Contracts Receivable

Grants and contracts receivable consist of federal, state, city entitlements and grants. The School expects to collect these receivables within one year. Management has assessed the need for an allowance and has determined that such an allowance is not necessary.

4. Fair Value of Investments

The School's investments consist of the following at June 30,

	2024		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 3,620,623	\$ 3,620,623
U.S. treasury bonds	1,053,790	-	1,053,790
Coporate bonds	-	1,058,588	1,058,588
	<u>\$ 1,053,790</u>	<u>\$ 4,679,211</u>	<u>\$ 5,733,001</u>

	2023		
	Level 1	Level 2	Total
Certificates of deposit	\$ -	\$ 3,443,352	\$ 3,443,352
U.S. treasury bonds	1,007,225	-	1,007,225
Coporate bonds	-	1,005,376	1,005,376
	<u>\$ 1,007,225</u>	<u>\$ 4,448,728</u>	<u>\$ 5,455,953</u>

Interest and other income from investments was \$277,570 and \$56,460 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, and included in interest and other income in the statement of activities.

5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, net consists of the following as of June 30,

	2024	2023
Computers and equipment	\$ 1,060,700	\$ 1,024,395
Furniture and fixtures	215,187	144,176
Software	187,206	141,258
Leasehold improvements	286,443	253,813
	<u>1,749,536</u>	<u>1,563,642</u>
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>(1,490,889)</u>	<u>(1,347,140)</u>
	<u>\$ 258,647</u>	<u>\$ 216,502</u>

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6. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use within one year of the statement of financial position date, are comprised of the following at June 30,

	2024	2023
Cash	\$ 2,939,611	\$ 2,736,834
Grants and contracts receivable	704,600	959,781
Due from related party	33,000	22,000
	<u>3,677,211</u>	<u>3,718,615</u>
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditures:		
Net assets with donor restrictions	(139,400)	(143,901)
Board designated net assets	(209,039)	(209,039)
	<u>\$ 3,328,772</u>	<u>\$ 3,365,675</u>

As part of the School's liquidity management plan, the status of grants and contracts receivable is monitored regularly and any excess cash is invested in highly liquid securities. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, the School could draw upon investments to cover any temporary shortfall in funding. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Board of Trustees has designated \$209,039 of net assets without donor restrictions that could be drawn upon through board resolution and can be made available for facility improvements or repairs. The School will continue to rely on funding received from the New York Department of Education to cover its future operating costs (see note 10).

7. Related Party Transactions (not disclosed elsewhere)

The School is related to PAVE Schools, Inc. ("PAVE Schools"), a New York State not-for-profit corporation through common management. PAVE Schools supported the School through financial, fundraising and facility development efforts. There were no significant transactions with PAVE Schools during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023. Balance due from PAVE Schools at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$33,000 and \$22,000.

On March 13, 2014, the School entered into a sub-sublease agreement with PACS 732 Henry LLC ("PACS 732") (a single member LLC under PAVE Schools, a related party) to occupy a new facility located at 732 Henry Street in Brooklyn, New York. The School pays for all facility expenses, upkeep, and insurance. The sub-sublease agreement will terminate on March 13, 2034. PACS 732's sublease with Civic Builders, a non-profit charter school developer, expires on March 13, 2113 and it is envisioned that the School will continue to periodically renew its sub-sublease agreement with PACS 732. Rent is payable at \$1 per year, pursuant to the Ultimate Prime Lease that PACS 732 has with Civic Builders and the New York City School Construction Authority. On May 21, 2014, the School paid \$20 to PACS 732 as prepayment of its 20 year lease. Title to the facility was transferred to the New York City School Construction Authority upon completion of construction. The School was unable to determine a value for the use of this facility and did not record an amount for donated use of facilities.

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8. Employee Benefit Plan

The School maintains a pension plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code 401(k) for the benefit of its eligible employees. Under the plan, the School provided matching contributions of 2% to the plan. The amount charged to operations for fees and matching contributions to this plan amounted to \$52,024 and \$49,658 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023.

9. Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the School to concentrations of credit and market risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents on deposit with financial institutions, which from time to time may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") limit of \$250,000. Investments are maintained at a broker which insures the balance up to \$500,000 with Securities Investor Protection Corporation insurance. The School does not believe that a significant risk of loss due to the failure of a financial institution presently exists. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, approximately \$2,766,000 and \$2,563,000 of cash was maintained with institutions in excess of FDIC limits.

10. Concentration of Revenue and Support

The School receives a substantial portion of its support and revenue from the New York City Department of Education. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the School received approximately 79% and 80% of its total revenue and support from the New York City Department of Education. If the charter school laws were modified, reducing or eliminating these revenues, the School's finances could be materially adversely affected.

11. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

At June 30, 2024 and 2023, net assets with donor restrictions in the amount of \$139,400 and \$143,901 were restricted for a summer school program. For the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, net assets with donor restrictions in the amount of \$210,139 and \$264,813 were released from donor restriction for staff salaries and summer program costs.

12. Contingency

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

The School's Employee Retention Credit ("ERC") funds received are subject to audit in the current and future years. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that the ERC funds received, or a portion thereof, may need to be repaid in the future.

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June 30, 2024

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Pass-Through New York State Education Department:				
<i>Child Nutrition Cluster:</i>				
School Breakfast Program	10.553	not available	\$ -	\$ 97,728
National School Lunch Program	10.555	not available	-	364,787
COVID-19 - Supply Chain Assistance Funds	10.555	not available	-	17,137
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	479,652
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>				
Pass-Through New York State Education Department:				
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-24-4450	-	205,974
English Language Acquisition State Grants	84.365	0293-24-4450	-	10,662
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (Formerly Improving Teacher Quality State Grants)	84.367	0147-24-4450	-	24,538
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-24-4450	-	16,403
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II	84.425D	5891-21-4450	-	671
COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund ARP	84.425U	5880-21-4450	-	511,691
Total U.S. Department of Education			-	769,939
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>				
Pass-Through Universal Service Administrative Company:				
COVID-19 Emergency Connectivity Fund Program	32.009	not available	-	30,231
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ -	\$ 1,279,822

See independent auditors' report and notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Year Ended June 30, 2024

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of PAVE Academy Charter School (the "School"), under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with 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). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of the School.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

3. Indirect Cost Rate

The School has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**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 Auditors' Report

**Board of Trustees
PAVE Academy Charter School**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of PAVE Academy Charter School (the "School") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 11, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

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

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Harrison, New York
September 11, 2024

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control
Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Independent Auditors' Report

**Board of Trustees
PAVE Academy Charter School**

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited PAVE Academy Charter School's (the "School") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The School's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the School 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 federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major 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; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the School's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance 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 the School's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, 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 the School's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the School's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal 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 program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal 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 Auditors' 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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Harrison, New York
September 11, 2024

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

_____ yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

_____ yes X none reported

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?

_____ yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

Material weakness(es) identified?

_____ yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

_____ yes X none reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

_____ yes X no

Identification of major federal programs:

Federal Assistance Listing Number(s)

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

84.425D

COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II

84.425U

COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund ARP

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

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

X yes _____ no

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

During our audit, we noted no material findings for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

During our audit, we noted no material instance of noncompliance and none of the costs tested which were reported in the federal financially assisted programs are questioned or recommended to be disallowed.